



## **ATHERTON PLACE 2<sup>nd</sup> STAGE CONSULTATION SUMMARY**

**VENUE: GARAGES**

**DATE: 5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2015**

We invited 82 local residents including non-resident garage renters to our 2<sup>nd</sup> stage consultation event on proposals to build 3 family sized homes on the under-used garage site at Atherton Place. Of those invited the turn-out was a modest 10%, possibly due to the fact that it was raining throughout the time we were there and that we had revised our plans following the first round of consultation.

Residents told us that car parking on the estate was often problematic with vehicles parking in un-authorised areas, sometimes requiring residents to over-spill to the adjacent road.

There was an overwhelming sense of relief from local residents that the initial proposal to build homes on the Site 2 car park had been abandoned in view of the feedback we received.

Our Architect, Alistair was on hand to talk residents through the garage proposal. We received a good range of comments and questions about what the properties might look like and how they may impact the area. Residents wanted us to consider some of the surrounding green space on the estate to provide additional parking and incorporate security lighting within our design to help reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour. We will assess the practicality of these suggestions and refer potential solutions to our colleagues in the Planning Department.

Residents wanted to know;

- **What type of tenure the new homes would be?**

We are proposing to build council housing for rent.

- **Whether the new homes would come with their own parking space?**

Yes, each home comes with a driveway to accommodate one vehicle.



- **Approximate distancing from adjacent existing homes**

Alistair showed residents where the houses and garden would fit in relation to neighbouring properties with the assurance that any development would be legislation compliant.

- **What the timescales might be for build and completion?**

We are aiming to submit an application in September to target the November Planning Committee. Assuming the application is approved building works may commence around February 2016, aiming for completion in the winter of 2016.

- **How much notice will be given to vacate garages?**

Normally we provide 1 weeks' notice to vacate, but we appreciate that for some renters a little more time may be needed. We would ensure that a reasonable time is given to make alternative arrangements.

- **Whether the tree located in a neighbouring garden toward the rear of the site would be removed**

We do not anticipate a need to have the tree removed.

- **Will existing garage renters be offered other garages within the borough if available?**

At the moment there are no other vacant garages in the local vicinity. Garages are managed centrally and renters can contact Doreen Gibbons on 020 8901 2630 or Kathy Holley on 020 8736 6821 to check availability for garages located elsewhere in the borough. One existing garage renter has already identified an alternative council garage in Harrow.