# New Homes on the Aintree Estate

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#### **Project Updates**

Higgins have been progressing with works on the Aintree Estate. You may have seen the blocks taking shape and starting to rise above ground.

The site welfare facilities are now in place and vehicle access into site had been relocated to Dawes Road.



This picture of the site shows decking completed to the first floor slab of both blocks.

#### Naming the new blocks

The Aintree Estate Residents' Steering Group have narrowed down some potential names for the two new blocks, based on the online survey and inperson feedback received at the recent public project event.

Residents said they liked names that relate to the history of the local area and tell a story about the historic people and businesses that shaped Fulham.

Hammersmith & Fulham Council's street naming and numbering team will check the names with the Fire Brigade and Royal Mail. Once the final names are decided we will update the community.

#### **Completed and Upcoming Works**

#### Works carried out since March 2024

- Completing all foundations and excavation works
- Completing the installation and reinforcement of the foundations
- Moving the site vehicle access to Dawes Road
- Installing the new hoarding images

#### **Upcoming Works**

- Continuing drainage installation works
- Installing service ducts (for water and electrical maintenance)
- Continuing works to the reinforced concrete frame structure

#### **Social Value and Community Engagement**

#### Energy Café at Fulham Good Neighbours - March 2024:

Higgins hosted an Energy Café for our charity partner,

Fulham Good Neighbours' weekly Lunch Club members. The attendees gained tips about ways to reduce their energy bills and keep their homes warm along with information about support available for those impacted by the cost of living crisis.

#### **Environmental Activities – March 2024 and April 2024:**

Higgins Partnerships have recently contributed £20,000 to support local environmental projects in partnership with Hammersmith & Fulham Council's Environment Department.

Our staff recently took part in **Eel Brook Common Planting Day**, along with the Council's Environment Department, residents and volunteers. Together they planted new wildflower seeds and a variety of flowers to help improve the common and encourage more wildlife into the area. We are pleased to have since been informed by the Council that the wildflowers are starting to sprout and transform.

We have also been working with the charity 'Earthwatch Europe' and took part in their **Tiny Forest Planting Day** at **Frank Banfield Park.** Our two volunteers worked hard and helped plant over 600 seeds to start the growth of a tiny forest within the park.



Earthwatch Europe Tiny Forest Planting Day at Frank Banfield Park

#### **Project Factsheet**

- Building 134 new homes, 84% of which will be affordable and prioritised for local residents.
- High energy efficiency standards- all homes will be Passivhaus classic certified.
- Installing renewable energy technologies including solar panels and communal Air Source Heat Pumps.
- New play area and outdoor gym in the communal outdoor spaces.
- Jobs and training opportunities for local residents throughout the construction.

#### Keeping You Up to Date

The Resident Liaison Officer (RLO) for the project will be keeping the community up to date through newsletters, dropin meetings, noticeboards, and day-to-day queries.

We will make every effort to keep disruption to a minimum by informing you about upcoming works and carefully planning deliveries and equipment movement. All machinery used will be fitted with noise suppression devices and we will monitor noise levels on a daily basis.

Our Managing RLO, Joan Borzak is currently managing the project. Please e-mail or phone her if you have any queries about the construction works. See contact details to the right.

#### Visit the Project Website

Visit the Council's webpage to view or download copies of this newsletter and read the latest updates:

www.lbhf.gov.uk/hartopplannoy



#### **Employment and Training**

#### School Engagement - April 2024 and May 2024:

Higgins are continuing to offer support at local schools and colleges and our Social Value team have recently taken part in the following events:

#### Westside Schools Year 10 and 11 Careers Fair

- We promoted our apprenticeships and work experience opportunities.
- We engaged with 30 students who gained an insight into our Hartopp and Lannoy project and the variety of opportunities available within the construction industry.

### Construction Youth Trust's Year 10 Hidden Careers Workshop at Phoenix Academy

- Our two staff members enjoyed answering questions from a group of nineteen Year 10 students at Phoenix Academy.
- This session helped students learn about the different roles available to them in the world of work and how they relate to the construction industry. It was a fun and interactive session where the students asked a range of questions to guess what our job roles are.

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#### Site Working Hours

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