



New Horizons



a community consultation



Sentinel 

The future of Freemantle, Taverner and Westray

Where it begins...

New Horizons is the project name for a community consultation launched by Sentinel to explore options for the future of Freemantle, Taverner and Westray Close.

We're getting together with local residents and the wider community to explore options including a complete regeneration of the area to provide more family houses and to find out what you like and what you want from your homes and neighbourhood.

We want to work together with you to improve the area within Freemantle, Taverner and Westray Close for the benefit of residents, the wider surrounding community and for future generations. We are keen to ask you a number of questions about this area and would like you to help decide the outcomes.

This newsletter is designed to give you a bit more information about the community consultation, why we're doing it and how you can get involved. You're invited to take part in our community consultation about your neighbourhood so you can tell us what you like about the area, what you don't like and what you would like to happen with your homes and open spaces. We would greatly appreciate your views and involvement. See page 5 for details of our Community Consultation Week events.

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working together



Map for consultation



Why now?



At the heart of this consultation are the three residential flat and maisonette blocks in Freemantle, Taverner and Westray Close.

Sentinel owns and let 67 of these, there are also 19 leasehold properties (86 in total). Sentinel also owns 106 garages, 88 of which are currently rented (see map on the page 3 which shows the area for consultation). Although the homes are structurally sound they do not meet current standards in terms of heat loss, electrical and mechanical services.

The age and design of the neighbourhood creates under-used open space and residents report high levels of anti-social behaviour compared to other Sentinel neighbourhoods. The playing field is poorly designed and play space and sports provision is inadequate – this is worse for younger children. There is also a popular allotment plot nearby which is not included in this consultation.

We've now secured funding that means we can look at providing modern, better quality homes for residents and improve the neighbourhood for the wider community. This could include an increased proportion of family houses through neighbourhood regeneration. If this is the preferred approach, you would be fully involved in the design process.



typical block



playing field

Sentinel's commitment to residents



We understand that this announcement could potentially be stressful for the affected residents in the three blocks of housing and also those customers who rent the garages. We're arranging one to one meetings with tenants to talk through their housing needs and the choices available to them. We're also contacting leaseholders to discuss their options. We'll also contact anyone who is renting a garage from us in the area.

How you can get involved

Our public consultation with residents and the wider community begins on Monday 19 September and will continue for the next three months. We're inviting you to a series of community consultation events where we hope to get to know what you like about the area, what you don't like and what you would like to see provided in the future.

We're holding four drop-in events to make sure as many residents as possible are able to get involved including those who work shifts or have dependent relatives or children.

These community consultation sessions are open to everyone. Just pop along to one of the informal events where you can share your views about the area. Our housing and neighbourhood team will be there together with our development team and architects.



talk to us

You are invited to attend one of the following four drop-in events:

- **Oakridge Methodist Church**
Monday 19 September 5 - 8pm
- **Oakridge Hall for All**
Tuesday 20 September 12 - 3pm
- **Oakridge Hall for All**
Wednesday 21 September 12 - 3pm
- **Oakridge Hall for All**
Saturday 24 September 9am - 12 noon

What will happen next?



September

Consultation with residents.
One to one meetings with Sentinel housing staff for affected residents

(12 - 24 September)

Community Consultation Week

(19 - 24 September)

October

Design Team report back on findings from community consultation events via newsletter (Issue 2).

Working with funding available, the Design Team will produce a masterplan of the area for consultation.

November

Presentation of masterplan to residents and wider community at community events.
Feedback on masterplan from residents.
Revision of masterplan and feedback to residents via newsletter (Issue 3).

January

Preparation of planning submission to Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council.
Community celebration event with opportunity to view planning application.

Throughout this period, we'll keep you updated with regular newsletters and on the New Horizons web page.

We'll also continue to meet with community organisations to brief them on our progress.

keeping you informed

Meet the team

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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