

THE FUTURE OF HUGUENOT HOUSE

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Welcome to our spring update

Following consultation with residents and key local stakeholders, Westminster City Council (WCC) is considering options for the future of Huguenot House on Panton Street near Leicester Square.

In late 2023, we began our search to find a partner to support the City Council to deliver the proposals. This edition includes more information on our progress with choosing a delivery partner as well as planned maintenance works on the building which are taking place over the next few months.

We will continue to keep residents, local stakeholders and businesses updated as the plans progress including sharing opportunities to help shape the draft proposals.

Please get in touch with us if you would like more information – our contact details are included in this newsletter.

What is planned at Huguenot House?

Options for the future of Huguenot House have been under consideration since 2017. These include Huguenot House being comprehensively refurbished or fully redeveloped to provide homes that meet modern standards, along with many other benefits to residents and the wider community.

The plans would:



Finding a delivery partner

In September 2023, the Cabinet confirmed that a delivery partner would be appointed to work alongside WCC in developing these future plans.

We are now in the process of finding a delivery partner to help provide the best option. The council is currently drawing up a shortlist of potential development partners, with a final partner due to be selected by the end of 2024.

All options for Huguenot House would include the right to return for resident leaseholders and affordable homes for secure tenants who wish to return. Additional affordable homes will also be delivered.

The delivery partner will have significant experience of delivering well-designed buildings, with high-quality homes and facilities in similar central London locations. We are also looking for a partner who will involve the local community in the design development and work collaboratively with residents and stakeholders on the proposals.

The final decision on the chosen option will be based on what achieves best value for Westminster and what will deliver the required improvements to residents' properties and support the wider community.

Consultation on future plans

There will be many opportunities to feed into the plans as they are developed. There will be a full public consultation ahead of any planning applications being

submitted, when residents, site neighbours and local stakeholders can provide their views to help shape the future proposals.

Maintenance works for Huguenot House

United Living is carrying out maintenance works to Huguenot House on behalf of the Council. These works started on 19 February and are estimated to end in late October 2024. The works include:

- Scaffold erection
- Replacement of the roof membrane and repairs
- External repairs to parapet walls
- Concrete repairs on main flat roof
- Installation of guard rail system on main flat roof
- External render repairs
- Window overhaul work together with replacement of sash windows



The resident liaison officer, Abdul, is the main point of contact for any queries – you can get in touch with Abdul on 07817 163 522.

You can also visit United Living at the site office at Vale Royal, 36 Newport Court, WC2H 7PZ. This is a temporary location and United Living will move to a new site office below the podium roof on Orange Street – you will receive a further update when the new office is established.

Indicative timeline



Drop-in events

- **Upcoming event – Drop-in event for residents, occupiers and local stakeholders.** Huguenot House entrance hall, Wednesday 27 March 2024, 12pm-3pm and 4.30pm-6.30pm, and Thursday 28 March 2024, 11am-4pm
- **Past event – Maintenance works drop-in event with United Living.** Held at PopHub office space on Wednesday 13 March 2024 3pm-4pm

Get in touch

For more information or any queries, please contact the Huguenot House team on:

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Residents can also arrange a one-to-one meeting with the appointed independent resident advisor, Source Partnership. Please call Rob on 0800 616 328 or email a info@sourcepartnership.com.

