

THE FUTURE OF HUGUENOT HOUSE

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Welcome to our autumn update

Westminster City Council (WCC) is considering options for the future of Huguenot House on Panton Street near Leicester Square.

This edition of our newsletter includes information about how you can get involved as the project progresses, and the emerging vision for the future of Huguenot House.

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

What's planned and why?

Options for the future of Huguenot House have been under consideration since 2017. They include Huguenot House being comprehensively refurbished or fully redeveloped.

The plans would:



What stage are the proposals at?

We are currently in the process of finding a partner to work alongside Westminster City Council. This partner will help develop future plans for Huguenot House. We have shortlisted three potential partners.

The 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.

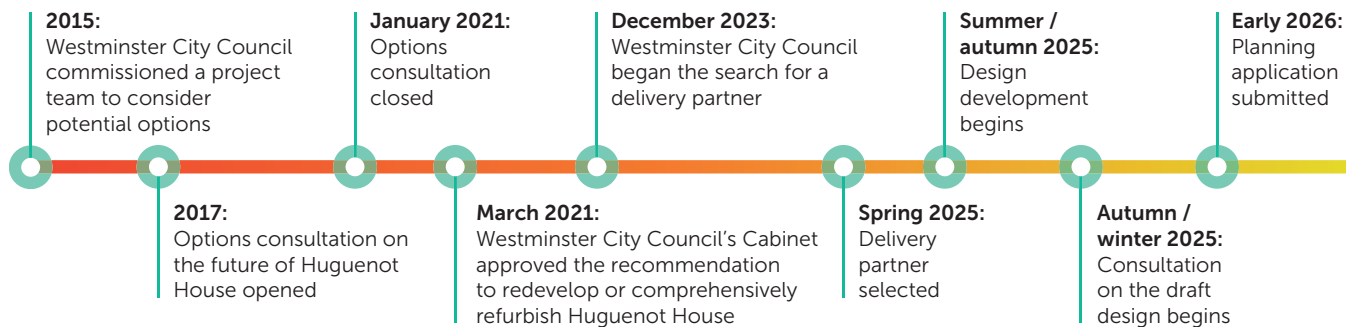
The final decision on the chosen option will be based on what achieves best value for Westminster and what will deliver the required improvements to residential properties and support the wider community.

Once we have chosen the delivery partner, which we anticipate will be in spring 2025, we will begin design development.

After the draft designs have been prepared, a full public consultation will be held where residents and members of the local community will be able to share their views.

More information on our indicative timeline and how you can have your say on the future of Huguenot House can be found overleaf.

Indicative timeline



Have your say on the future of Huguenot House

We are committed to keeping residents, local stakeholders and businesses updated as the plans for Huguenot House progress, including sharing opportunities to help shape the future proposals.

Once we have chosen our delivery partner and the design process is underway, we will be holding a comprehensive public consultation to invite residents and members of the local community to share their feedback on the draft designs for Huguenot House, before any planning application is submitted.

If you want to find out more in the meantime, share your thoughts, or have any questions that you would like to ask, please contact us via the details below to arrange a call or meeting with a member of the team.

Maintenance works at Huguenot House

United Living is carrying out maintenance works to Huguenot House on behalf of the council. These are unrelated to the options being considered for the future of Huguenot House.

Resident liaison officer, Abdul, is the main point of contact for any queries. You can get in touch with Abdul on **07817 163 522**.

Rehousing policy – our commitments

All options being considered for Huguenot House will likely require residents to move out while work is taking place. Westminster City Council is committed to supporting all Huguenot House residents with housing options. Your options are different depending on whether you are a secure or private tenant, resident leaseholder or non-resident leaseholder.

Right to return: Secure tenants and resident leaseholders have the right to return to the new development.

Advice, support and information: The council is committed to working closely with residents and to discussing all options and entitlements. One to one discussions and points of contact are available, and any support offered will be tailored to individual needs as far as is possible. Secure tenants, resident leaseholders and non-resident leaseholders will all be eligible for support for costs associated with moving such as disconnection and removal costs. Other statutory payments related to home loss are available – please see the full rehousing policy (website link below) for details.

Free independent advice: Advice from Source Partnership is available to residents to help them decide on the best option for them.

Alternative independent legal, financial or other specialist advice will also be available in some circumstances. Please speak to Westminster City Council for more details.

Westminster City Council is committed to delivering a full package of support to residents throughout this process. For the full rehousing policy, go to: westminster.gov.uk/huguenot-house

Get in touch

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

 **020 7641 1502**  HuguenotHouse@westminster.gov.uk

 www.westminster.gov.uk/huguenot-house

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 info@sourcepartnership.com.

