

Heygate News

The regeneration of Elephant and Castle was given the green light by Southwark Council's Executive Committee on February 19th when the planning guidance for the redevelopment was formally adopted.

This is a long awaited and important milestone for Heygate residents who have been consulted for years and are yet to see any real action. This finally gives you, the residents, a certainty that the regeneration and rehousing plans are now planning policy and that Southwark Council will work with you every step of the way from now until you move into brand new homes in a revitalised Elephant and Castle.

Copies of the planning guidance can be downloaded from our website at www.elephantandcastle.org.uk or by calling 020 7525 4922 to get a CD-ROM posted to you. There will be hard copies available for you to look through at local libraries, Rodney Road Housing Office and the offices of Elephant Angels, situated on Heygate Estate. An exhibition will also be held at the Heygate early this year.

For those of you who are tenants, the confirmation means the plans to demolish the estate and offer you a brand new Housing Association home in Elephant and Castle, or an existing council flat elsewhere in the borough are moving forward.

The situation is different for those of you who are leaseholders. You will be offered market value for your houses and a range of options to assist you to buy one of the new homes if that is what you wish to do. We have already discussed these plans at leaseholder meetings and will continue this process as set out in this newsletter.

Please read this newsletter carefully for details on how we want to work with you throughout 2004 and about the range of opportunities there will be for you to become more closely involved. ▀

