



CRE Community Board Annual General Meeting 2024

As 2024 comes to a close, this newsletter looks at the Community Board's achievements and lessons learned over the last twelve months. It also reports on how the Board has worked

with the CRE Regen team and the Council's joint venture partner, Countryside, to help ensure residents' interests are taken into account at every opportunity.

We are keen to hear from residents interested in joining the Community Board.

There is one position for a young adult aged 18–24. If you would like to become a member, an application form is available on the CRE regeneration website at <https://www.cambridgeroadestate.com/get-involved/community-board>, or use your mobile phone's camera to scan the QR code on the right.



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For more information, contact the CRE Regen team at FREEPHONE 0800 9521 900 or email creregen@kingston.gov.uk.

On Thursday, the 28th of November, the Community Board held its second AGM, where it highlighted milestones and reported on how the CRE Regen team is working with the Community Board.

Milestones in 2024



Late 2023

- Kingston Council and Countryside held two Meet the Builder drop-in sessions

January 2024

- Agreement to swap 104 homes from private sale to council rent
- Free Winter Warmth event for friends and neighbours to come together with live music, crafts, games, hot cocoa and more

June 2024

- Phase 1c started on site – this will see the construction of the Community Hub and 201 new homes of which 121 are for council rent
- Construction training schools' event
- Completion of mural on hoarding



July 2024

- Free summer event, with arts and crafts, storytelling, mural designing, live music, outdoor activities, and food and refreshments
- Phase 2 pre-planning stakeholder consultations – focused on the look and feel of the buildings, ensuring that we get the size right, and detailing plans for planting and landscaping
- Progress updates provided for Phase 1a, 1b, and 1c construction

What is the Community Board?

The Community Board was set up in June 2020. It is a group where members work together to share ideas and discuss solutions. The Board represents all CRE residents, no matter their housing type, during the redevelopment of the neighbourhood. It also focuses on the long-term needs of the estate and its residents once the work is finished. The Board:

- actively seeks and represents the views of CRE residents and encourages participation to the fullest in terms of community involvement and community benefit.
- is a CRE resident-led sounding board to ensure the regeneration programme considers resident insight, ideas and views.

Milestones

The Board has played an important role. Six meetings were held this year, achieving key milestones including:

- Ongoing engagement in Pandora, the project which manages the handover of the new properties to Housing Landlord Services. (The project focuses on Tenancy Agreements; Car parking; Estate Services; Service charges; Shared Equity/Shared ownership; Assets & Repairs; IT and Communications).
- Supporting the use of hoardings and meanwhile spaces, and contributing to Phase 2 consultation strategies.
- Involved in the recommissioning of the Independent Tenant and Homeowner Advisor (ITHA), resulting in the appointment of Newman Francis.
- Involved in the naming process for the new neighbourhood, supporting residents and local schoolchildren to come up with suggestions. These have since been checked by the Street Naming & Numbering team to produce a set of approved names.
- Recommending the Social Value Action Plan to the LLP Board.

Community Chest

The Community Chest programme is funded by the Joint Venture for residents and non-profits to deliver projects and activities to benefit Cambridge Road Estate residents, making a positive impact during the entirety of the regeneration process. Individuals and groups in the community can apply for large grants of up to £5,000 and small grants of up to £300 for their community projects.

With the Community Board overseeing this funding, this year, the Community Chest has awarded £22,800 to six local projects, including free play sessions, summer camps, basketball clubs, a wellbeing day, and food bank support.



In its first funding year (2023), £55,590 was funded to twelve community-led projects. Unspent funding was carried forward to this year's allocation and, to date, £78,390 has been allocated to eighteen community-led initiatives, helping support and develop local impact and engagement.

Community Board Objectives for 2024/25

Next year's objectives were agreed as follows:

- To continue to focus on Housing Management strategies aligning with the Landlord Offer. This is to prepare for the first new homes to be handed over next year.
- To explore opportunities for green spaces and communal areas.
- To help shape the vision for the new Community Centre.



**THANK
YOU!** 



Firstly, a big thank you goes out to our Community Board members. We look forward to the continued collaboration with you.



Congratulations to Keith for being re-elected to the Community Board.

Thank you to everyone who took part in submitting their views about the detailed plans for Phase 2. Your feedback has been invaluable. The Reserved Matters Application (RMA) will be submitted to the Local Planning Authority imminently and we look forward to updating you on this in due course.

Contact Us

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Out-of-Hours Security can be contacted on FREEPHONE 0800 195 4071. (Site working hours are 8 am – 6 pm, Monday to Friday, and 8 am – 1 pm, Saturdays).

