

High Path residents' feedback

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Residents' feedback on the draft master plan

Event:	Introduction of the Old Lampworks Site
Event Date:	Wednesday 18th, Saturday 21st and Wednesday 25th May 2016
No. of attendees:	92
Feedback forms completed:	37
PRP attendees:	Spyros Katsaros, George Williams, Roumpini Perakaki, Alexandra Andone, Francisca de los Campos, Ben Sewell
Circle attendees:	Paul Quinn, Tim Sargeant, Luke Chandler, Donna Brown, Setura Mahdi, Judith Hewitt, Adam Richards, Shirley Price, Farrida Deen, Doreen Jones

This report summarises the comments and issues residents discussed during the High Path consultation event which introduced the additional 'Old Lampworks' site and the feedback received subsequently via email and feedback forms.

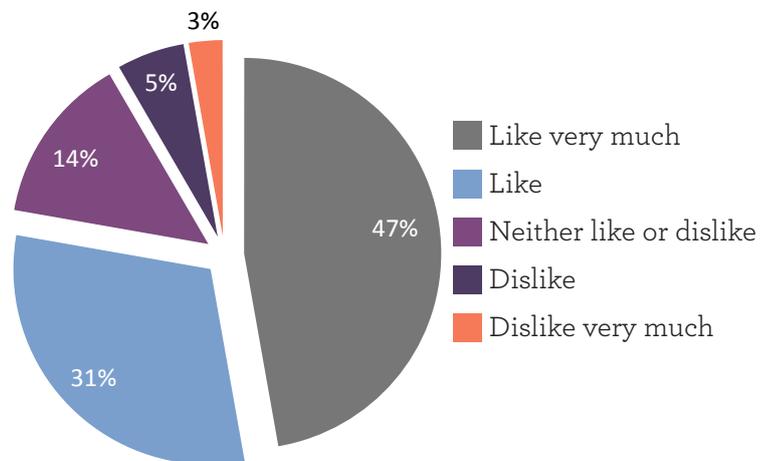
The event included an introduction to the 'Old Lampworks' site which was acquired by Circle Housing, and now forms part of the site where the first new homes will be built. The event included an update on project information and presented two options for possible building layouts on the site. Residents were able to provide feedback on which option they preferred. PRP and Circle representatives were available to talk residents through the design and answer any questions residents had as they walked around the workshop. Residents were asked to fill in questionnaires. The feedback given will help shape the design of the first new homes on High Path.

Key comments and issues:

- 73% of the respondents who filled in the feedback form stated they preferred Option 1 rather than Option 2. Option 1 maintained the Rodney Place cul-de-sac and did not introduce a new road into this area.
- 78% of respondents who filled in the feedback form stated that they 'liked very much' or 'liked' the updated plans for the first new homes on High Path.

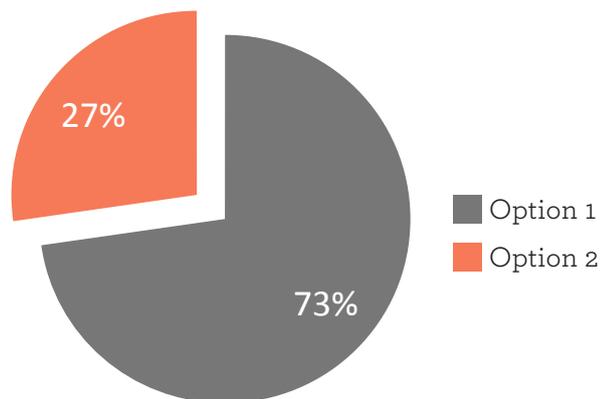
1. What do you think about the updated plans for the first new homes on High Path?

Response	Number of responses	Percentage
Like very much	17	47%
Like	11	31%
Neither like or dislike	5	14%
Dislike	2	5%
Dislike very much	1	3%
TOTAL	36	100%



2. Which option for the layout of the first new homes do you prefer?

Response	Number of responses	Percentage
Option 1	24	73%
Option 2	9	27%
TOTAL	33	100%



3. Do you have any comments on the plans for the first new homes?

‘Reserving judgement while taking time to absorb info. Have taken information leaflets away’.

‘I would very much like a 1 bed flat with an inset balcony. I like the new designs very much and look forward to seeing more open green spaces. I don’t want a flat on either the top or ground floor’.

‘I wish they could start building from Ramsey House. They should only use ‘road’ or ‘street’ instead of ‘close’ and the rest. I want to move, as everything in my flat is very old. So make sure you move me as early as possible. Many thanks!’

‘Looks good. Like the modern touch and prefer larger green spaces’.

Feedback from questionnaires distributed at the event...

'As a resident, obviously concerned about making sure the new row of houses are sympathetic to existing terraces in Rodney Place. Look forward to viewing the plans and designs. Really don't like the plan to have a small road dividing the new houses and leading off Rodney Place (extra traffic etc.)'.

'Still waiting for new kitchen and bathroom'.

'If you are in a flat with overcrowding but are number 7 to be rebuilt, will you have priority to move out earlier? Me and my son are currently in a one bed'.

'Where would people park? We are in Marsh Court and struggle to park now. Sunlight - will there be enough sunlight in the new homes?'

'Parking is a worry with so many more residents than now'.

'I like the balconies where the front doors of flats are outside and it feels like a street. I would like to see all-weather private terrace outside balconies that can be used during autumn and winter by use of a screen. I like the interior with separate kitchen and living room/dining area rooms (not open plan). I think private gardens need to be on High Path Road side in the sunny area'.

'Just hope that this will go ahead'.

'I work from home and will be in the middle of 2 years of noise and disruption. I do not want any loss of privacy or light to our home'.

'You keep banging on about maintaining the "community". One of the endearing features of the estate are the clothes lines. Where are they in the proposed scheme of things? Re: phasing: Can't comment because don't know anything about it, but regarding the general upkeep of the estate, it's a disgrace, and no number of phone calls to Circle improve anything. Five street lights over parking area out for over two years. Leaves not swept up for over two years, broken bollards, kerb stones etc. I've been informed today, under the proposed new layout a new management system will be introduced. Why can't there be one now? It's absolutely appalling'.

'I would really prefer if possible to be east facing and top floor. Being top floor is my main priority though'.

'Happy with the plans'.

Feedback from questionnaires distributed at the event...

'The new homes look great, I am just eager for the building works to start as soon as possible. I think either option 1 or 2 will fit in with the surrounding areas. I look forward to seeing work starting at the end of this year if regeneration goes ahead'.

'Very pleased with the look of the new homes'.

'Nicely laid out'.

'Let's hope it would be worth all the time and upheaval'.

'No comments, but I think regeneration will be great if it goes ahead, because at the moment Circle is struggling with repairs on old stock. Life will get better for both residents and owners so help us god'.

'I would like to see a special park for dog owners to exercise their dogs. Also any areas that are used for ball playing that can be covered with some sort of net'.

'Will the potential new houses built on the site of the old lamp works fit into the style of the area if the rest of the development does not go ahead?'

'Concerned about disruption so close. Effect new building works will have on our property and value. What measures will you put in place to keep our houses clean? No peace or quality of life'.

'Very disturbed that our quiet close will be enlarged substantially. Very concerned about living amongst a building site for over 18 months. Also concerned about our quality of living, light, loss of privacy'.

'This will enable the council to rehouse more people'.

'Living room must be separate. The kitchen must be enclosed, as well as toilets'.

'It is too early to comment in detail, but I would be very keen to ensure any more houses on the street were similar two storey cottage terrace design, rather than generic design of the rest of the scheme. My other concerns relate to car parking and minimising build time and disruption. My priority is to maintain the community feel of the street'.

'Seems like things are moving on, hope to see next models in July 2016'.