

18 May 2018

Dear Resident,

I am writing to invite you to the **Shaping Neighbourhoods design workshop on Tuesday 5th June 2018, 4pm – 7pm at Water Hall Primary School, Fern Grove, Lakes Estate, MK2 3QF.**

This is your opportunity to tell us what you would like any possible future homes and open spaces across the Lakes Estate to look and feel like.

Development Opportunity Sites and the Lakes Estate Neighbourhood Plan (2015)

The Lakes Estate Neighbourhood Plan was adopted in 2015, and as a result of an estate wide consultation process the Plan identified six development opportunity sites across the estate for infill housing development, as well as the regeneration of Serpentine Court.

Since September 2017 YourMK and the architects HTA have been working with residents of Serpentine Court and local businesses to discuss what they would like to see happen at Serpentine Court. Ideas have been shared and tested at public events, weekly drop-ins and door-knocking. Serpentine Court residents will vote to choose their preferred option later this year. You can find out more about what they have been doing at <https://yourmk.co.uk/your-place/your-neighbourhoods/lakes>

The Shaping Neighbourhoods workshop is the beginning of the consultation process for the development opportunity sites, and your chance to give us your thoughts on how any new homes and open spaces on these sites should look like.

Why are new homes needed?

New mixed tenure homes are needed to meet local housing needs, and also to help fund wider improvements across the estate including the regeneration of Serpentine Court.

Why should you come along to the workshop?

At the **Shaping Neighbourhoods** workshop you will be able to tell us what you would like any possible future buildings and open spaces to look like, and the materials you would like us to use. You will be able to comment on the future:

- design of streets;
- play spaces;
- parking;
- refuse storage;
- bike storage and;
- new homes.

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Your ideas will be put together to create a Design Code for the Lakes Estate to make sure that any regeneration or new development results in high quality homes, facilities and spaces that the existing residents like, want to use or live in.

Who should come along?

The **Shaping Neighbourhoods** workshop is open to all immediate neighbours surrounding the development opportunity sites identified within the Neighbourhood Plan (2015). We are writing to residents and businesses within a 50 metre radius of the development opportunity sites as required by Milton Keynes Council's planning department. However, this is an open event and **everyone is welcome**. Children and young people can also come to share their ideas and tell us what they think.

If you would like further information please contact us on 01908 991570 or at enquiries@yourmk.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th June.

Yours sincerely,

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