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Newsletter



Infill Plus Future St Raph's Newsletter

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St Raph's Public Summer Exhibition updates – Have your Say!

On 22 and 24 June 2023, Brent Council together with Karakusevic Carson Architects held an outdoor pop-up exhibition at Lilburne Walk. This event launched the next phase of consultation for the highly anticipated new community hub building on the estate, and unveiled the fresh design proposals for the landscape and play spaces. We invited residents to share their thoughts on different elements of the designs, including the internal spaces, material choices and the landscape improvements, and to contribute further ideas for some activities they would like to see in the new space.

Fun facts: We gave away 200 free ice creams, SRV provided games and activities in the community centre, and the story tellers and authors were very well received by our younger residents.

The event was attended by over 100 residents, so thank you very much for giving up your time!

Have Your Say on the Latest Proposals for the St Raph's New Community Hub!

We would like to hear from as many residents as possible on the latest design proposals. To make sure everyone has a chance to participate, we have extended the deadline for responding to our online feedback survey to **Monday 31 July**. To view the latest design information boards and share your feedback, please visit <https://www.futurestraphs.com> or simply scan the QR code below.



Your input is crucial to shaping the future of the St Raph's community, so we really appreciate your involvement.

If you have any queries, or would like any further information, you can contact your community engagement officer, Charlene Johnson by emailing straphs@brent.gov.uk or you can visit Henderson House on Wednesdays anytime between 10am-2pm to speak to a member of staff.



SRV Community Centre Update/ Summer activities



The new energy-efficient temporary community centre on St Raphael's Estate has now been open for an entire year, offering an array of activities and benefits to residents. The centre is currently being managed by the St Raph's Voice Board, dedicated to representing and championing the needs and voices of the community on your estate. There have been a variety of events and activities provided, including Sunday games afternoons and football coaching, music production workshops, dancercise and exercise classes, and games nights. In addition, other community partners and local organisations, including Sufra, Stream Skills, Brent Council, and the Community Safety Team, have utilised the centre for events and outreach programmes, as well as monthly surgeries with Ward Councillors.

This centre's aim is to provide an inclusive space for all residents to feel safe, welcome, and engaged. In order to achieve this, we really encourage more participation and representation from the wider community. If you are interested in volunteering for the day-to-day management of the centre, or would like to hire the venue for a function or event, please contact Brenda Linton **07944 624 881**

Activities and dates



St. Raphael's Community Fun Day Sunday 13 August 2023 12-6pm



Football for Girls & Boys

Every Sunday at 11am
July 16, 23, 30. 2023
August 6, 13, 20. 2023

Youth Games Drop-in

Every Sunday 12-3 pm
July 16, 23, 30. 2023
August 6, 13, 20. 2023

Councillors' Surgery

Saturdays 11am-12 noon

15 July 2023

16 September 2023

21 October 2023

18 November 2023

16 December 2023

St Raphael's Estate Community Report & Support

CrimeStoppers.

0800 555 111

100% anonymous. Always.

Reporting a crime

- <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>
or call **0800 555 111**

Did you know that if you have information about a crime, you don't have to directly contact the police? You can report any crime to CrimeStoppers, and with their 100% anonymity guarantee, you can speak up with confidence knowing that your identity will remain completely confidential.

However, if you find yourself in a situation that could get heated or violent quickly, or if someone is in immediate danger and you require urgent support, please call **999** without delay.

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, you can use our textphone service 18000 or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.

If you've witnessed or been the victim of crime, please report it to us. Reports are dealt with by our control room in exactly the same way whether you report it online or call **101**.

Before you give us the details of the crime, we will kindly ask you a few questions to make sure you are directed to the appropriate online form for your report.



Fly-tipping

Fly-tipping is a criminal offence. Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of waste or rubbish. This includes rubbish placed in anything other than the bags and bins provided by your waste collector. This could be a few bags of rubbish or larger items like a fridge or mattress.

If you are caught fly-tipping, we can issue a fixed penalty notice of £400.



The courts can also impose:

- **Fines of up to £75,000 for individuals**
- **Fines of up to £95,000 for businesses**
- **Prison sentences of up to five years**
- **The seizure of vehicles used to commit fly-tipping offences**

The simplest way to report fly-tipping is straight from your mobile using the Love Clean Streets smartphone app. You can also report it using our online form.

If you do have rubbish you want to dispose of, you can book a special bulky items collection for £35 up to 5 items or visit our Abbey Road Reuse and recycling centre. If you are in receipt of certain benefits, you may be eligible for one free special collection each year. For more information please email waste.enforcement@brent.gov.uk or phone **020 8937 4994**.

Join St Raphael's Voice (SRV)

We would like more residents to join St Raphael's Voice (SRV). Let your voice be heard, be involved, and help shape the future of St Raph's Estate, your home, your future.

SRV is your community stakeholder board for the Future St Raph's project. Its role is to represent the estate, working closely with your Independent Advisor PPCR and the council to make sure residents' views are heard and incorporated into the infill plus development proposals.

SRV helps to make sure that:

- **All decisions taken by the council are in the best interest of the community**
- **Proposals for the estate's future are community-led**
- **Residents are involved at all the key stages as proposals are developed**
- **Residents are kept informed**
- **Residents' concerns and issues are raised and addressed**
- **Wider estate improvements are prioritised**

SRV achievements:

- **Worked with the council to ensure at least 80% of households have input to the designs of infill plus development**
- **Working alongside St Raph's residents to help shape design through The Community Design Group and design workshops**
- **Community Gardening Projects**
- **Removal of abandoned vehicles**
- **More regular grass cutting**

Charlene Johnson will be available to answer any questions or provide any assistance you may require in relation to joining the St Raphael's Voice Board. You can email straphs@brent.gov.uk or call/text Charlene on: **07776 665 226**

Drop-in Sessions at Henderson House



Drop-in sessions at Henderson House are currently taking place every Wednesday between 10am-2pm. Your Community Engagement Officer, Charlene Johnson, will be available to answer any questions or provide any assistance you may require in relation to the wider estate improvements and infill plus development proposal at St Raph's.

Resident engagement Strategy

Brent Council is currently promoting a positive resident engagement model and would like you to have your say on how we engage with you. Please feel free to contact us with your comments and suggestions for how we can better involve you in our activities and decision making process.

Please also look out for the Brent Spotlight Magazine being circulated to all residents across the borough.

If you are unable to attend the drop-in sessions and have questions about the proposals, resident engagement or enquiries you can email straphs@brent.gov.uk or call/text Charlene on: **07776 665 226**.

