

# **Acton Gardens Community Board**

**Annual General Meeting  
2019**



# Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Board Member Applicant Presentations
3. New Board Members Vote
4. Annual Report
5. Announcement of Results
6. Questions from the floor



# **Acton Gardens Community Board**

Voting for your  
resident members



# Voting for your resident members

**The Community Board oversees the regeneration of South Acton by:**

- Providing feedback on the regeneration to Acton Gardens LLP
- Ensuring there is continued community involvement
- Encouraging participation from groups currently under-represented
- Being the eyes and ears of the community
- Allocating Community Chest funding for local projects
- Attending quarterly meetings
- Attending tours, training, sub groups and consultation events for feedback
- Reviewing literature, communications and messages circulated to the community



# Voting for your resident members

**The Community Board has 12 resident member positions.  
6 resident members will be continuing in their positions:**

- Natasha Esson (Chair)
- Sally Carlton (Vice Chair)
- Ali Abdullahi
- Azami Khalilullah
- Valerie McLean
- Marta Nunes

**There are 6 resident member vacancies and 10 applicants**



# Voting for your new Board members

Presentations from applicants



# Maria Ashcroft

I have been living in Acton for over 30 years and I can understand the needs of the community, especially now, in the changing environment and growing need for support of tenants in making their issues to be heard and resolved.

I am a nurse thus dealing, on every day basis, with people of various needs and from various walks of life. As I will be retiring soon, I will have ample time to devote to the needs of changing out environment.



# Liudinila Bindas

I am a hard working individual with a proactive attitude. I can speak 3 languages; these include Russian and Lithuanian. I have always wanted to give back to my community and feel like this would be the ideal setting to be able to achieve my goal. I have lived in South Acton for the last 15 years and have got to know the area well. I am proud to have lived here for such a long time and hope to be a part of South Acton's future.

I run my own successful business and have a lot of experience when it comes to starting a business from starch. I have experience of working in variety of industries, ranging from retail at Ralph Lauren to running a very successful barbers' shop for a number of years.

I feel like I would be a great candidate for this role as I would be able to represent the resident of this community as well as work towards a better future for our community.





# Janet Coker

I am a lifelong Actonian and a South Acton resident for nearly 45 years. I have always taken part in resident groups since I came here in 1975 and have been involved with the regeneration process from pre-steering group days working with council housing officers and our ITA Keith Mann looking and assessing from a residents viewpoint what our aspirations were, what the bidders for the work were offering and finally working with the council's final choice Acton Gardens who took on board to give us nearly all our resident requirements. I was the first chair of the resident board. I would like to continue to work with board as the regeneration continues to move forward. I consider that residents views are extremely important and we as residents need to work with the team to enhance the good things but also take them to task when it's not so great and there are issues that affect our day to day lives, we actually live here 24/7 these buildings are our homes. I also work with the sub group for the Community Chest programme assessing the requests that come in each quarter for grants to serve the local community here from the annual £50k given to the board each financial year by the Acton Gardens Company.



# Raymond Charles

Property owner and resident in Acton Gardens.

Born in London, raised in Ealing Borough.

Attended Drayton Manor Grammar and Brunel Retired corporate executive latterly responsible for international business development in Asia.

As a permanent resident I believe I can represent the interests of fellow residents in communicating our interests, opinions and recommendations to the AGCB.



# Hiro Enoki

I'm from Japan and been living in London for the last 20 years. I work as a freelance storyboard artist, so I have a skill for drawings.

I have been living in this area nearly 2 years on my own, and have witnessed a lot of developments since then. Now I'm interested in the development of the social life in this area through making some contributions, so I could be a part of the community.

I guess there are many suggestions from board of members, but I could bring some interesting views from my background of artistic and spiritual aspects.



# Helen Julien

I have lived on the South Acton Estate for over 26 years now and have seen many changes over the years; some good, some bad. I have been on the Community Board for 9 years and have enjoyed my time working with the L&Q team, listening to the voice of the people and trying to improve community livelihoods.

I have also enjoyed the various events offered by L&Q, to bring the community together, and would like to support future events.



# Kerron Lezama

I am a 36 year old young professional and am new to the Acton community having moved into my flat with my wife two and a half years ago. In that time we have already seen many changes in the area which have created positive change. However I also feel like much more could be done to improve the living space for all residents and I welcome the opportunity to bring my ideas and energy to the board.

I am originally from the Caribbean island of Trinidad and moved to the UK 16 years ago for my university education. I have a first class degree in Actuarial Science and have worked in investment banking (mergers and acquisitions) since 2006. My job has provided me with a number of key skills which I think would help me be an effective member of the Acton Gardens community board including strategy and planning, effective communication and financial allocation.

My background allows me to identify with and build relationships across a wide cross-section of residents. I believe the role of the board is to look after the interests and well-being of all residents in the area and helping to build an integrated and social community. I look forward to the opportunity to assist in this objective.



# Cathyann Thomas

My name is Cathyann Thomas. I am an Acton Gardens resident living in Phase 1.

I have lived in South Acton for 22 years and have a great understanding of the community where I live and can relate too. I live in a community where people know and look out for each other.

In South Acton it's great to see people meet as a community to talk, laugh and have fun.

Everyone has different experiences living here in Acton Gardens, some positive, some negative and some have mixed reviews. But the only thing I care about is how we as a community can pull together to turn things around for the better.

I love South Acton and the community spirit which makes it a great place to live in.

I have been involved with Acton Gardens for the past 9 years as a community board member. I became Chair to the board in March 2015.

In my role as a community board member, I was able to contribute my views towards the regeneration of South Acton estate and making it a great place to live. I've also supported the residents in the community by putting their views and opinions towards the Regeneration.

I want to continue making a difference in the community. I want to help with my input and to continue creating beautiful places for our community, to live in harmony and to help break down divisions and build bridges within our community.

I want to continue as a community board member with Acton Gardens and be a part of the Regeneration in South Acton.



# Slobodan Vuckovic

I am private leaseholder and owner of 3 bed flat which I purchased on open market in 2001. I eventually became 'us' and We are now family of 4 now with two small children. It was our aim to shortly pay off the mortgage and live further in the estate in the mortgage-free flat. We are fully integrated into this area as our work is local, the kids' school is local and we would prefer to stay close to this all. Due to this re-development project and CPO we find ourselves in a difficult situation that we need to compromise and settle for less in order to stay in the area. I believe the right arrangements can be agreed providing all parties are willing to listen, compromise and work together. As someone being directly affected by this CPO I would like to get involved and work together with developer, the council and everyone involved in order to achieve best possible results. I believe that being a member of the Acton Gardens Community Board could help in achieving all that to everyone's satisfaction.



# Udi Wickrema

To help the local community being heard and contribute to the development of good initiatives for the place we all live in.

To propose new ideas to make the place more safe and attractive to other people.

To be responsive to everyone's needs.





# Voting for your new Board members

The Acton Gardens Community Board ask that you now vote for the individuals that you would like to join the Board



# **Acton Gardens Annual Report**



# Achievements this year

## Acton Gardens LLP

- Permission granted in December 2018 for the continued development of Acton Gardens. The revised masterplan saw an uplift of 856 homes. 50% of the total homes will be affordable.
- Detailed planning permission for Phase 9.2 was granted in December 2018.
- The community centre and youth centre opened, located below Phase 6.1 in the summer. As well as building the new centre, Acton Gardens LLP have also set up a five-year dowry to ensure MHDT are fully supported to build a thriving community hub for residents and local people.
- Residents have started moving into Phase 9.1.
- Phase 9.4 planning permission was granted in September.
- Four blocks at Phase 7.1 are now complete and residents are moving in.
- New marketing suite and show room on Enfield Road opened in November, showcasing our updated spec.
- Winner at the Housebuilder Awards: Best Regeneration Initiative – 2018
- Winner at First Time Buyer Readers' Awards- Best Urban Regeneration Project- 2019



# Achievements this year

## Phase 7.1

Phase 7.1 is made up of 246 new homes and is progressing well. Habbington House, Tolkien House, Broadlands House and Betjeman House are now all fully occupied. Davenant Way and Rossetti Avenue are now also complete, providing two improved streets.

A public consultation for the upgrade of Avenue Park, led by the London Borough of Ealing, is anticipated to take place in early 2020.





# Achievements this year

## Phase 6.2

Construction works are progressing well at Phase 6.2, and in September we held a 'topping out' ceremony to celebrate the last concrete being poured into the main structure which will complete the community hub. The phase is due for completion in autumn 2020 and will provide space for retail outlets, a new nursery and a health centre.



# Achievements this year

## Acton Gardens Community Hub

The community hub opened in the summer and has already been used by a variety of groups on a regular basis. There has been continued interest with lots of new activities due to start over the next few months.





# Achievements this year

## Phase 9.1

Located on the corner of Bollo Lane and Enfield Road, Phase 9.1 delivers 68 new homes. The new building is nearly complete, with the first core handed over in September and residents have now moved in. The hoarding line has been removed and the landscaping has progressed around the front of the building. The remaining works are on track to complete by the end of the year.

A new marketing suite and show home have also officially opened on the ground floor!



# Achievements this year

## Phase 9.2

Phase 9.2 secured planning permission in December 2018 for 203 new homes, set around a raised podium garden together with a small new commercial unit at ground floor overlooking West Park. Demolition of Buchan House, Anstey Court and the properties on Osborne Road are now complete, and construction of the groundworks for the development has begun.





# Achievements this year

## Phase 9.4

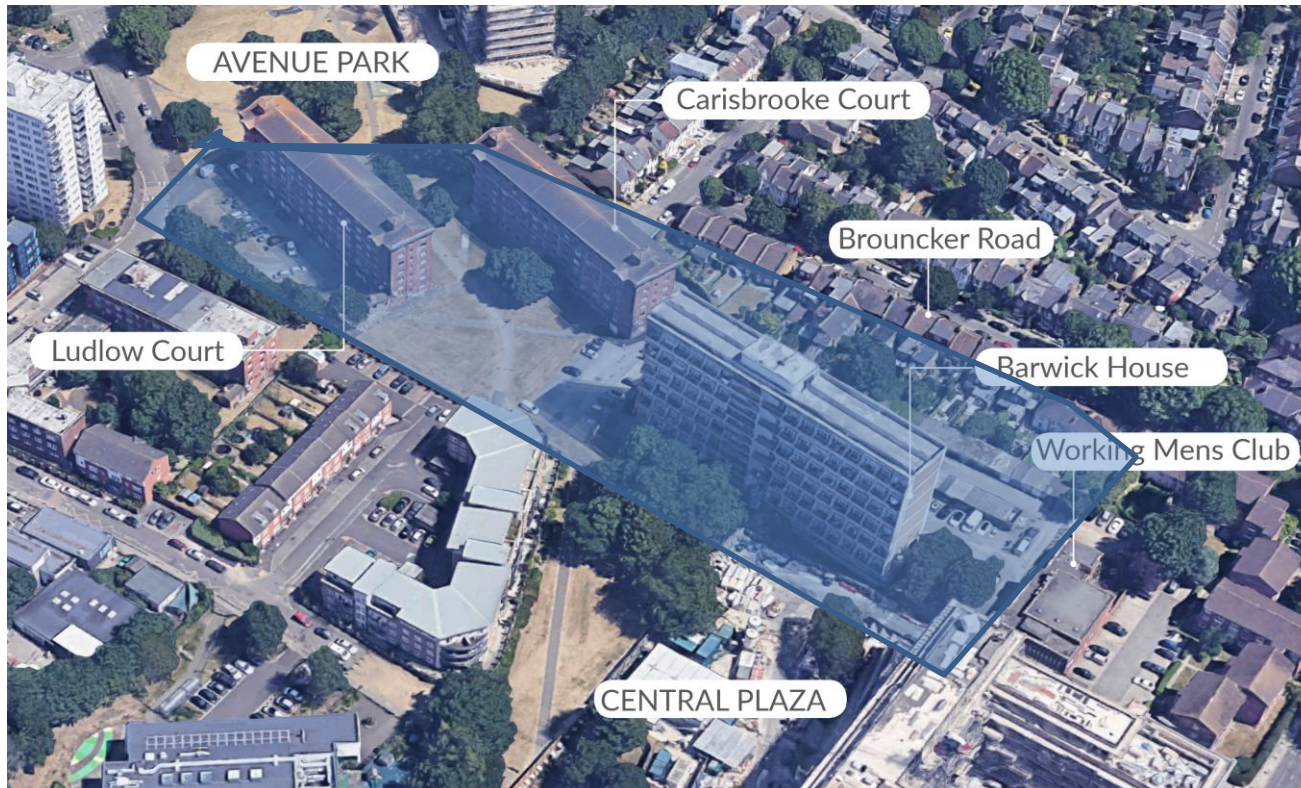
Phase 9.4 was granted planning permission for 209 new homes on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Phase 9.4 is situated on the southern corner of Enfield Road and Bollo Lane. Demolition of the first properties to make way for this phase commenced in November and construction is due to start in April 2020.



# Achievements this year

## Phase 8.1 and 8.2

The next phase of Acton Gardens has come forward and is due to submit a planning application in December 2019. The phase is located to the east of Central Plaza on the site of Barwick House, the Working Men's Club and Brouncker Road. This planning application will also include the designs for the future Phase 8.1 on the site of Carisbrooke Court and Ludlow Court. A public exhibition was held in October at the Acton Gardens Community Centre to present the current designs and to seek resident feedback.





# Achievements this year

## Apprenticeships

### Phase 6.1

1 Carpenter – Employed and qualified  
1 Electrician – Employed and qualified

### Phase 9.1

1 Carpenter – Employed and qualified  
1 Plumber – Employed and qualified

### Phase 7.1

1 Bricklayer – Employed and qualified  
1 Plumber - Left the programme  
1 Carpenter – Employed and qualified  
1 Bricklayer - Employed and qualified  
1 Site Manager – Employed and qualified  
1 Painter - On site with qualification ongoing  
1 Site Manager – On site, qualification ongoing

### Local labour figures

Phase 6.1 - 267  
Phase 6.2 - 475  
Phase 7.1 - 388  
Phase 9.1 - 313  
Phase 9.2 - 25

*Calculated by postcode. Figures for 2019.*



*Phase 7.1 Apprentices*

### **Manor Housing Development Trust- Employed at Acton Gardens:**

#### **Previously employed:**

1 Project Manager F/T (already previously employed)  
1 Impact Manager P/T (job share- Woodberry Down)

#### **Since Community Centre opened:**

2x P/T Centre Managers  
1 P/T Centre Worker (currently recruiting more)  
2x P/T Impact Researchers  
1 P/T Volunteer Coordinator (currently shortlisting)



# Achievements this year

## Allocations, Viewings and Moves

**Residents have moved into their new homes at:**

- Phase 6.1 (22)
- Phase 7.1: E1 & E2 (46)

**Residents will be moving in 2020 to their new homes at:**

- Phase 9.1 (22)
- Phase 7.1: W4 (41)
- Phase 6.2 (40)



# Achievements this year

## Resident Involvement

- 2 public consultation events to present proposals for Phase 9.4 and Phases 8.1 and 8.2
- Over 100 regeneration drop ins at the community centre
- 8 evening regeneration and housing surgeries
- 4 Acton Gardens Community Board meetings
- 4 Community Chest sub-group meetings
- 2 design sub-group meetings
- Programme of events including the summer solstice BBQ, grand opening of youth and community centres, over 55's afternoon tea and the Christmas lights switch on
- Introduction to construction event for local school children
- Tours and visits including MHCLG, Open House London and the GLA
- Supporting community events including Berrymede's summer fete, Bollo Brook Youth Centre's annual football tournament and Acton Carnival
- Moved to new purpose-built offices with resident meeting rooms and drop in spaces
- Published new look website and updated resident guides to regeneration





# Achievements this year

## Community Events

- Summer Solstice BBQ
- Over 55's Afternoon Tea and Bingo
- The Grand Opening of the Acton Gardens Community Centre and Bollo Brook Youth Centre
- Coach trip to South End
- Introduction to Construction
- Christmas Lights Switch On



# Achievements this year

## Community Chest

- £50,000 made available for local groups, with up to £5,000 per project.
- The Community Chest sub-group met in March, June, September and December and approved 8 projects worth £36,490.
- This year the sub group have approved projects that promote healthy eating, fitness, community support, arts, culture, music and drama.
- The successful projects were: Showcasing South Acton, If Bollo Bridge Could Talk, The Journey, Caring for Carers, M.E.M. Fit Bootcamp, Therapeutic and Social Arts Sessions, Resolute to Change and the Participation Project with Jason Roberts Foundation.





# Achievements this year

## Community Board

- **January:** new years meal at The Bollo
- **February:** design sub-group meeting (Phase 9.4)
- **March:** Community Chest and Community Board meetings
- **April:** community centre tour and phase 9.4 public exhibition
- **June:** Community Chest and Community Board meetings
- **July:** Board officially open community and youth centres
- **August:** increasing personal awareness training
- **September:** Community Chest and design sub-group meeting (phase 8.1 and 8.2) and welfare benefits training
- **October:** attended phase 8.1 and 8.2 public exhibition
- **November:** viewed new homes at phase 7.1, vice chair wins at L&Q Creating Places Awards
- **December:** Community Chest sub-group, AGM and Community Board meeting





# Achievements this year

## Community Board Aims and Objectives 2019

The agreed aims and objectives for the Acton Gardens Community Board for 2019 were:

1. Increase interpersonal effectiveness
2. Increase knowledge around welfare benefits
3. Increase understanding of large scale regeneration schemes

The board have undertaken assertiveness training in August and welfare benefits training in September. The board will be visiting the Aylesbury estate in Southwark to learn more about another large scale regeneration scheme early next year.



# **Acton Gardens Community Board**

Announcement of vote results



# Questions



**Thank you for coming to the  
Acton Gardens Community  
Board Annual General Meeting**

