

Over the past two years, we have been talking to you about how we can best deliver improvements to the Ekin Road Estate. During this time, we have heard from many residents on the estate about problems with their properties including condition and damp, mould, and condensation. We also heard about issues with crime and anti-social behaviour which you told us were having an impact on your quality of life.

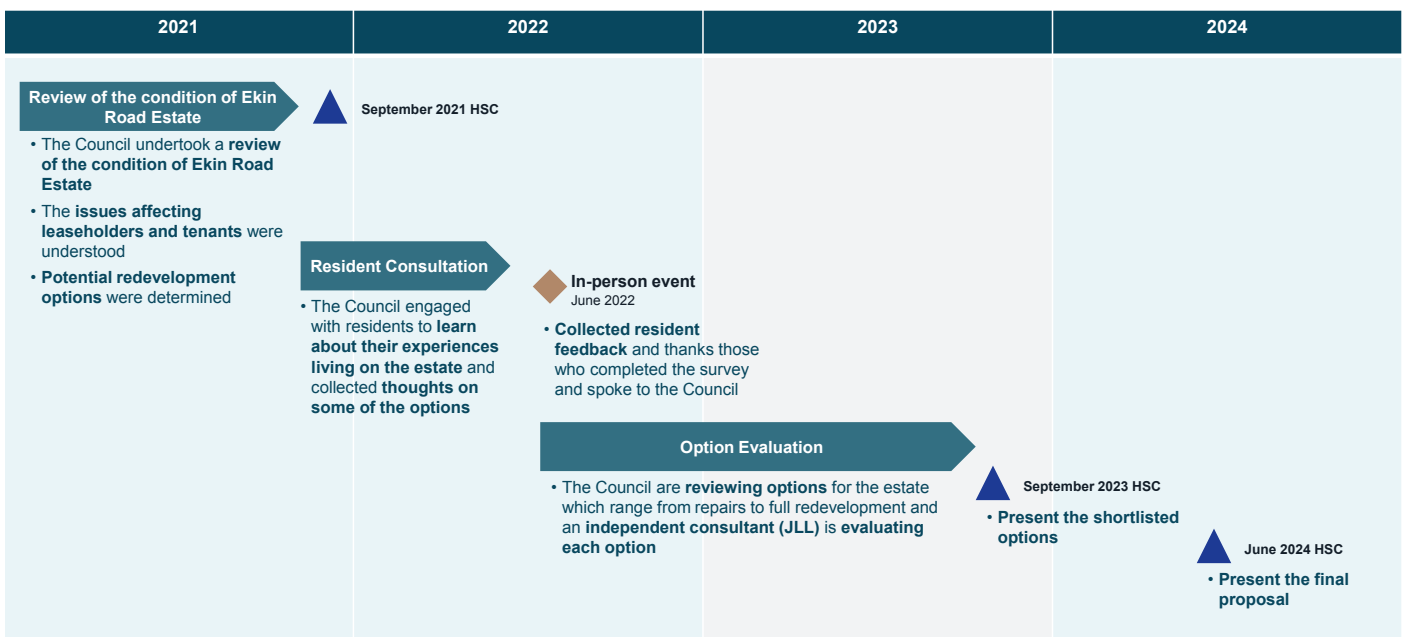
We are also aware that some residents have concerns with our proposals to date, and so we are now looking to speak to residents from every household to find out your views on the three potential options for the Ekin Road Estate, as well as your experience of living on the estate.

Please don't worry if you have not taken part in any of the conversations to date, this pack includes lots of information to help you respond to the survey, including an overview of the three potential options for the estate and answers to the key questions about the project that residents from the estate have raised.

If you would like to complete the survey online, you can do so at www.ekinroad.co.uk.

We are committed to engaging with you as the residents of the Ekin Road Estate and want to make sure your voices are heard at every step of the way. To help us achieve this, Liaison Group meetings are being held quarterly to give residents a collective voice and a place to share their opinions. If you would like to be a part of this group, please get in touch.

Resident Engagement to date



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Summary of the proposed options

The Council is considering three options for the future of the Ekin Road Estate. The properties no longer meet new build standards required for health and safety, accessibility, and sustainability. For people like you, who live in them, this means you could be experiencing more issues in your homes.

The options being considered are:

Refurbishment

This option would keep all the buildings as they are, but the Council would carry out improvements and repairs to the buildings. Repairs could include fire safety improvements, ventilation, pipe maintenance, and the removal of asbestos. Improvements could include upgrading insulation, which should help reduce energy bills, installing solar panels, and accessibility features, such as lifts where possible. It is highly likely that residents will have to be relocated during refurbishments works.

Partial Redevelopment

This option would look to demolish the flats, bungalows, and maisonettes and retain some of the houses. Those residents would have to move out and would be supported with relocation. New, high-quality homes would be built in their place with a percentage being offered as Council housing, increasing the total number of homes from 122 to between 209 to 217.

Total Redevelopment

This option would require all residents of the Ekin Road Estate to leave their homes. Homeowners would have their homes bought by the Council at a better price than they would achieve on the market, so that they could buy new homes elsewhere. Those living in Council-owned rented homes would be moved to other Council properties and given support.

The homes on the Ekin Road Estate would be demolished, and new homes would be built in their place, increasing the total number of homes from 122 to around 239. The existing roads would be redesigned with new roads and pedestrian routes that are clear, direct, and overlooked by houses for security and to discourage anti-social behaviour. There is also the potential for a new central green area, which could be used for walking, playing, and enjoying nature.

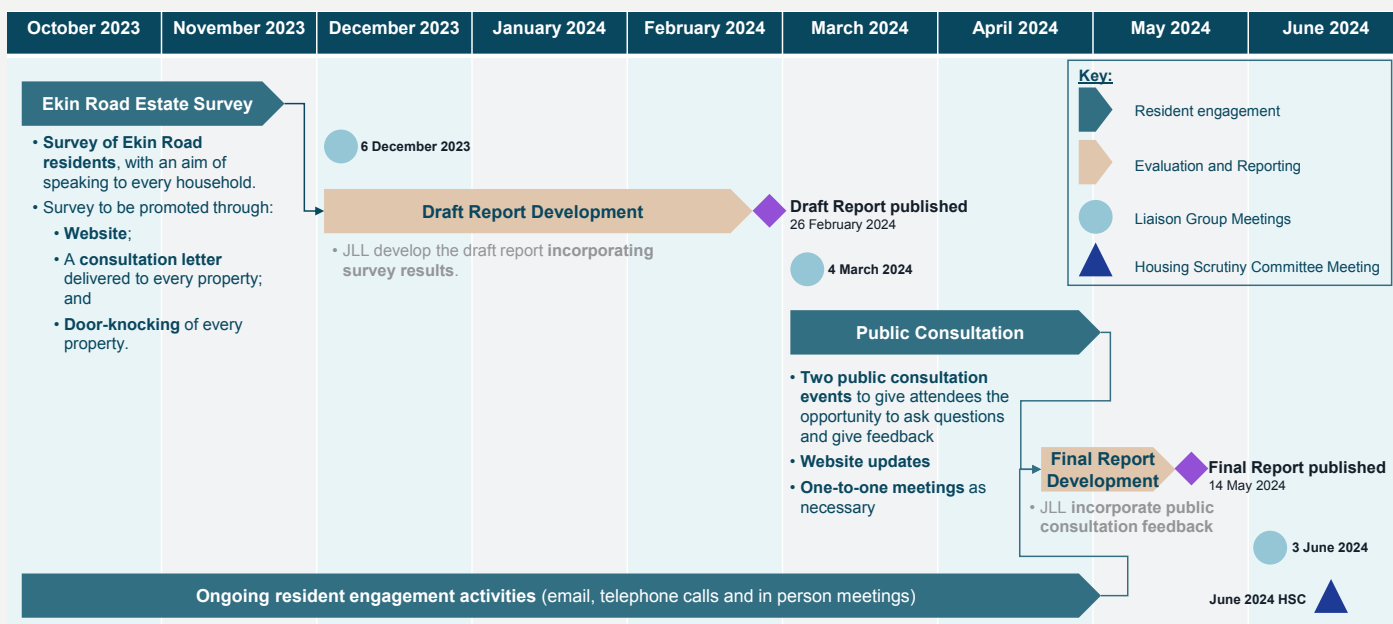
In both the partial and total redevelopment options, new homes would be high-quality, built to modern standards and a percentage of the properties would be offered as Council housing. Residents will have the choice to return although this depends on the timescale and tenure. The new buildings would be of various heights, including houses on the east side of Ekin Road, rising up to flats in the west.

Consultation Details

A final decision on the future of the Ekin Road Estate will be taken at the Housing Scrutiny Committee meeting in June 2024. We are asking your opinions now to help that Committee make this decision.

The timeline below has been prepared to explain how we will ensure the final decision is informed by you and the other people who live on the Ekin Road Estate.

Resident Engagement Plan



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