

Ekin Road Liaison Group Meeting – Thursday 6th November 2025

Staff Attendees:

Council:

Molly Savino (MS), Development Officer

Andrew Johnson (AJ), Regeneration Manager

Nikki Vasilaki (NV), Regeneration Officer

Hill:

Richard Dunmore, Contracts Manager

Councillor Attendees:

Cllr Naomi Bennett (Cllr NB)

Cllr Elliot Tong (Cllr ET)

Welcome (MS):

The meeting was attended by residents whose homes are not included within the development area.

MS introduced staff and welcomed all.

Planning (MS):

The planning process was discussed and the ways in which individuals can view and comment on a planning application:

- Local households will receive a letter with important details
- You can 'support', 'object' or 'comment'
- You can track an application and receive updates
- Helpful documents to view include Planning Statement and the Design Access Strategy. The project team are happy to help any individuals looking for specific information
- Planning committee will happen, and a decision will take place

Construction (MS & RD):

The construction area will be secured with hoarding. A clear route will be maintained for residents to access their home safely and separately to construction traffic.

A traffic management and phasing plan will be available to view within the planning documents.

Residents raised concern about dust. RD reassured residents that in dry weather the ground will be dampened with water spray. The air quality will be monitored on site along with noise and vibration - which will be a planning condition.

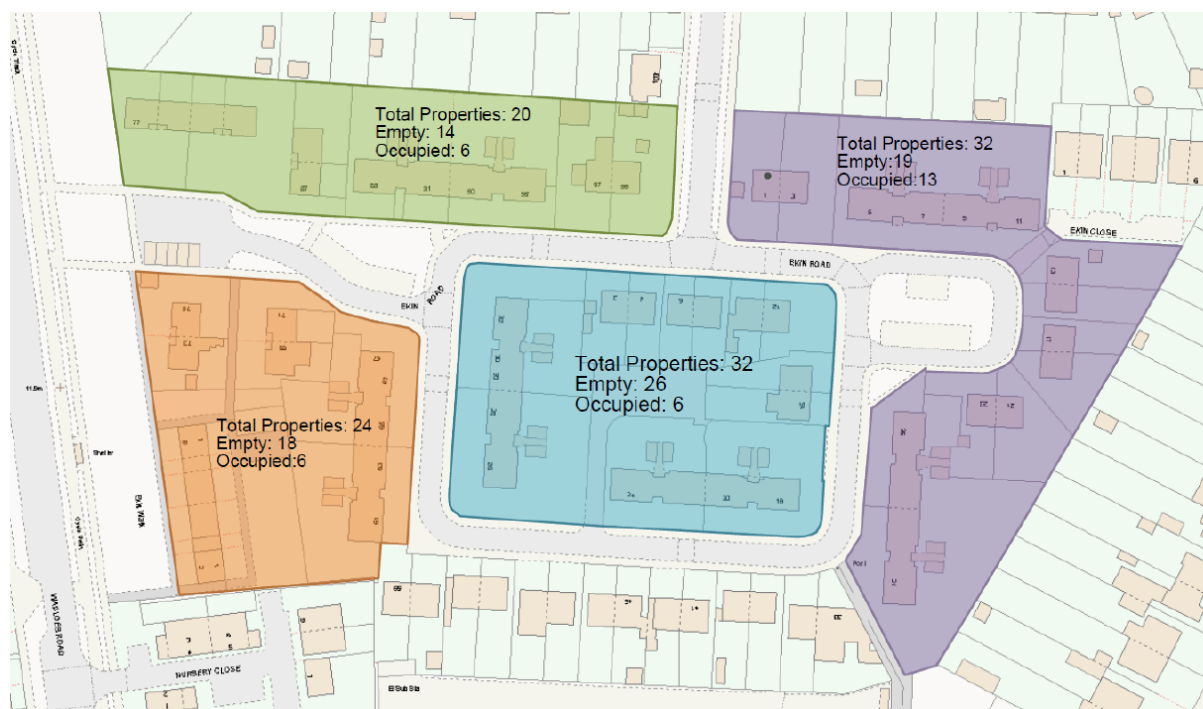
Residents and Cllrs raised the concern about increased congestion at the MacDonalds entrance. This will be investigated further by Hill.

Residents of Ekin Close are concerned about the demolition of the flat block that sits closest to their home. We can provide more information closer to the time. Residents will not need to move out of their home during demolition or construction.

Please refer to the presentation slides for further information.

Estate Management (MS):

The following map shows the number of empty and occupied properties across the 4 areas of the estate:



There are a total of 77 empty properties currently on Ekin Road (as of 5th November 2025)

When properties remain empty, they may be hoarded up with steel panels for security. Some of the empty properties will be secured with steel sheets at the windows and doors. All residents are encouraged to report any signs of squatting, antisocial behaviour or vandalism. It was reported that one property has been entered, this has now been reported to the security company responsible for the hoarding.

Concerns have been raised about the estate management including household waste on the streets, weeds, overgrown hedges and rats. Residents are encouraged to continue to report any issues with their homes or their estate, however all issues raised at the meeting have been reported to the relevant council staff.

Future Meetings (MS):

This was the first meeting which was exclusively for the residents whose homes are not within the development area. We expect the next meeting to take place in January 2026 and details will be confirmed by letter in the new year.