

Help make a better future for Grove Hill. Look out for the home visits...

To begin to do that, Erimus Housing will be visiting residents in Grove Hill starting in January. These visits will help us to establish your thoughts and ideas about how the area could improve and we will be asking your views on your community, the environment and your home.

The door-to-door consultation is an important part of the regeneration process and it will ensure that your views shape the future of Grove Hill.

What happens next?

Once we've visited residents, we will organise another community consultation day to report back and let you know what will happen next. Look out for details nearer the date.

Who can I contact?

If you want to talk to someone about this newsletter or any of the issues raised in it, please contact either **Angela Chappell** or **Kelly Jeffels**, Housing Liaison and Relocation Officers from the **Regeneration Team** on **01642 773619/20**.

You can also contact your Neighbourhood Manager **Mary McDermott** at the Grove Hill Resource Centre on **01642 835180** for further information about issues in your area.

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Grove Hill



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Background

Grove Hill is a large estate with 1,200 homes. Most are owned by Erimus Housing, although some are privately owned or rented from private landlords or other housing associations.

Many parts of Grove Hill are popular to live in and there's a strong sense of community. But some areas are unpopular and a lot of people have moved out.



At Erimus Housing, we're working with our partners to find out what people think are the important things about their home and neighbourhood so we can improve the area.

Some of you will know that we are working with a team of consultants who have been looking in detail at housing, community safety, the environment, and community facilities.

Community Consultation Day

Working with the consultants gave us a better picture of the area's strengths and problems. We talked with local residents about this in July 2005 at two community consultation days at Grove Hill Youth & Community Centre and Beechwood School. We got some really useful comments, with many of you telling us about your ideas for making things better.

The main things coming out of these events were:

The Environment

- There isn't enough open space
- There is nowhere for children to play
- People are always fly-tipping
- Not enough parking
- Too much litter

Community Safety

- High levels of anti-social behaviour
- Fear of crime, particularly burglary
- Burnt out cars
- Vandalism



Housing

- Too many boarded-up properties - why not demolish them?
- Not enough people want to live in the area
- Too many derelict buildings
- Build homes people can afford



On a more positive note

- Grove Hill is close to community facilities
- Handy for the town
- There is a strong sense of community
- It's close to Albert Park
- Hospital is close by
- Nearby shopping facilities

There is a lot to do to make Grove Hill a place where people want to come and live, both now and in the future. We need your help to plan these changes.

