

## Appendix 3: Residents Exhibition Invitation Letter

March 2007

Dear Resident,

### UPDATE ON PLANS FOR JCoSS AND EAST BARNET SCHOOL

We thought this would be a good time to update you on the latest plans for the redevelopment of East Barnet School and the Jewish Community Secondary School in East Barnet.

As you may know, the Borough has successfully secured a multi-million pound funding package from central Government to completely re-build East Barnet School on a single site in Chestnut Grove and provide an entirely new faith-based secondary school (the Jewish Community Secondary School – JCoSS) on the Westbrook Crescent Site.

Many of you attended our first community consultation meeting in October at the Westbrook Crescent site and provided useful feedback on our earliest thoughts with regard to both redevelopments. We were delighted that so many local residents gave up their time to attend the meeting and also welcome the overwhelmingly positive reception for the plans.

Of course, a number of you raised very reasonable concerns including the best way to access the Westbrook Crescent site, how to protect the brook and transport plans. We hope that speaking to our representatives at that event has helped to reduce the concerns you may have about these developments.

Since we met, we have been working hard on firming up our plans and creating innovative solutions to minimise any inconvenience caused by the redevelopments. Of course, it is not possible to undertake a major redevelopment of this sort without some level of disruption. I am glad to say we have made considerable progress. We are working towards submitting full planning applications for both Chestnut Grove and Westbrook Crescent in the Spring.

It is our intention before we finalise our plans to consult our neighbours again by holding at least one further public exhibition about each project. This will provide an opportunity for us to share with you some of the solutions that we have come up with to address the concerns raised with us.

On **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be hosting an **open evening at East Barnet School, Chestnut Grove from 5p.m. to 8p.m.** At this event you will be able to look at and comment on models, plans and illustrations of the proposals for the Chestnut Grove site.

A personalised version of this letter was also sent to key stakeholders including councillors, the local MP and residents groups