Southwark Park Road community newsletter: Issue one

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter which we have created to tell you about our plans for the redevelopment of 94-116 Southwark Park Road.

We are hugely excited to tell you about our plans for the redevelopment of 94-116 Southwark Park Road. This is going to be the location for a new United St Saviour’s Charity almshouse that will provide much needed social housing for older people living in Southwark. The Charity has been closely involved in the redevelopment of this site for a number of years and we are delighted that it is now finally going ahead. The almshouse will consist of 57 self-contained apartments designed for independent sheltered living. The facility will also feature spaces for the whole community to use, including a courtyard garden.

The derelict former nursing home — on Southwark Park Road between Reverdy Road and Longley Street — was demolished in 2018. The current timetable will see the almshouse opening its doors to residents of the borough in late 2021. The almshouse, and the people who live and work in it, will be an important part of the community, with the building serving as the location for activities involving people of all ages in Bermondsey and Southwark.

About United St Saviour’s Charity

We are a charity formed in 1541 to support the people and communities of north Southwark. We provide sheltered housing in our 75 almshouses, and give away over £1m in grants to other charities and organisations equally committed to helping Southwark’s poorest communities.
Our partners
United St Saviour’s Charity is working in partnership with a family-run, London-based property company to bring our vision for Southwark Park Road to life. Our partner – Sons & Co – is developing a major mixed-use site in Bankside and they are proud to be building the almshouse as part of this commitment.

Supporting Sons & Co is a company called Beyond – they will play a key role overseeing the development and construction of the almshouse. You will see more of their team in the neighbourhood over the next couple of years.

The architect is award-winning practice Witherford Watson Mann and they have designed a building local people can be proud of.

Getting started
United St Saviour’s Charity has very recently reached an important agreement with Sons & Co and Beyond which means that the development programme can now start to move forward.

The team need to carry out some initial survey work in May and if you live locally or pass the site, you might see signs of activity. This preliminary work will only last for a few days and we don’t anticipate disruption or disturbance to residents living nearby. In parallel, there will be important work going on behind the scenes which will ultimately allow construction work to commence early in 2020.

Local job opportunities
Developing the almshouse will create jobs and Sons & Co and Beyond are committed to working with Bermondsey-based organisations to recruit locally where practical, creating opportunities for local people, including apprenticeships. There will be more information about these opportunities in future editions of the newsletter.

Meet the team
As the project progresses, we want to talk to residents about our exciting plans for this part of Bermondsey. The next edition of the newsletter will announce details for an opportunity to meet the team from United St Saviour’s Charity, Sons & Co and Beyond.

Get in touch
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