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### **(CCC) Planning - Fordwich Close Flats - Cambridge**

I have heard rumors that there are plans being currently put in place to potentially demolish the flats and rebuild the land.

Could you please confirm whether that is true and if so, provide more details please?

#### **Response**

The Council is committed to tackling the housing crisis and facilitating the delivery of new, good quality and sustainable homes that meet the needs of the communities. Therefore, the Council must explore existing estates and the opportunities for regeneration. We carefully consider how we can most effectively satisfy the needs of the residents who are directly affected and at the same time, we have to meet the challenge of providing more desperately needed homes. The Council also has a duty to make sure that all Council homes meet current standards.

The Council will therefore look at the viability of redeveloping the existing council homes at 15-34 Aylesborough Close, 69-75 (ODDS) Verulam Way and 2-24 (EVENS) Fordwich Close, with the aim to be able to present its findings to the Housing Scrutiny Committee (HSC) on Thursday 23rd September 2021. At this committee we will be seeking approval to proceed with further investigation and consultations both with local residents and property owners and work towards a full planning application for a proposed redevelopment.

Until approval has been granted for redevelopment, these are merely proposals. If the proposals are approved at HSC, residents will be fully consulted and a planning application will have to be approved before any work can start.

Residents of the above properties have been notified of this and the Council will be supporting them during this time.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to [foi@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:foi@cambridge.gov.uk)