



# The Future of Darrick Wood

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Some residents may be concerned about pressure on local services – such as school places – from an influx of new people into the neighbourhood. This is a consideration for Bromley Council as they consider the planning application. As part of the planning process, we will be required to contribute towards local investment in education and health services.

### Contacting us

As well as submitting your comments to the council, you are welcome to contact us by using the dedicated email and phone line below:

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### A message from the Chief Executive

In the Winter edition of Talkback, we informed residents that the planning application for new homes and improved landscaping had been submitted to the Bromley Council planning department. We have now been informed that the application and all the details of the proposal are live on their website. Those living nearest have recently received a letter directly from them inviting them to submit comments.

The application reference number is: **21/05278/FULL1**  
<https://searchapplications.bromley.gov.uk/online-applications/>

### Overview of plans



We have proposed to provide 26 new homes at the top of Isabella Drive. These will be a mixture of one and two bedroom flats – all for rent, with rents set using the same approach as for everyone else at Darrick Wood. We have worked on the design to take into account the feedback from the different consultation events we have run, and this has included reducing the size of the new building and moving it further from the existing homes.

Our application also sets out the plans to improve landscaping across the estate worked up by our landscape architects with the help of interested residents – many thanks to those who contributed to this.

The new homes will be made available to local people who need them, in line with our partnership with Bromley Council. There are well over 3,000 households on the Council's Housing Register, and each year some 2,000 new homeless applicants. We know how important it is to be able to live in a good quality, affordable, secure rented home and we aim to play a small part in helping Bromley achieve their aims of 1,000 new affordable homes each year. At the same time we know that building new homes on land that is currently open space is not going to be welcome to everyone. In making this application, Keniston has carefully weighed up the pros and cons of the project, and we firmly believe that the proposed flats can be absorbed within the estate, and that the new residents will become part of the community of Darrick Wood.

We also recognise that there are residents who are concerned about the disruption that the construction stage will cause. We can't pretend that there will be no impact while the builders are on site, but we can say that we will manage this in a way that minimises how it affects existing residents. We aim to liaise closely with the builders on this, and will look to involve interested residents to work with us to make this as smooth as possible for everyone. This will include controls on the levels of noise, traffic and working hours.

