

Report to the Ledbury Resident Project Group - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Ledbury Towers Option Consultation

1. The consultation on the 4 options closed on Sunday 9 September 2018. As the turnout was poor, the Residents Services Officers rang residents and former residents asking them to return the forms as the deadline had been extended to the following weekend, and door knocking was undertaken by Open Communities.
2. There were 107 questionnaires completed out of the 217 sent out to existing residents, those tenants who have the right to return and the non resident leaseholders. This equates to a 49% turnout.
3. The turn out for current residents was higher. At the time of the questionnaires being mailed out, there were 34 tenants and 16 resident leaseholders. We received 39 questionnaires from current residents. This equates to a 78% turnout.
4. The returns were weighted so that the first priority received 4 points, second priority 3 points, third priority 2 points, and fourth priority 1 point; which totals 10 points per household.
5. Some residents could not decide and weighted certain categories equally, their scoring was adjusted accordingly, so that in total no one household could award more than 10 points. For example, anyone who marked all four options equally, is recorded as giving 2.5 points to each option; any one who prioritised one option and did not distinguish between the other three options, is recorded as giving four points to their first option and 2 points to each of the others. In this way we can ensure that everyone who responded had their preferences recorded appropriately and that no was at a disadvantage against a neighbour.
6. The Options were:

**Option A**

A basic refurbishment of the towers to meet health and safety essential standards, paid for from the Housing Revenue Account.

**Option B**

A higher standard of refurbishment of the towers plus building new homes around them for local overcrowded families and other local residents in housing need; the additional refurbishment expenditure and the cost of the new council homes being partly met from the sale of new homes and partly from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

**Option C**

A mixture of refurbishment to the higher standard, and demolition of some, but not all, towers with a replacement of new homes for local overcrowded families and other local residents in housing need; the additional refurbishment expenditure and the cost of the new council homes being partly met from the sale of new homes.

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### Option D

Demolition of all four towers, and replacement with new homes; the additional cost of the new council homes, being partly met from the sale of new homes.

7. The full breakdown of the outcome of the questionnaire is:

7.1 All existing residents, those tenants who have the right to return and the non resident leaseholders returned 107 questionnaires out of 217 (49% turnout) and it shows option B was favoured as:

- Option A – Weighting of 253 points
- Option B – Weighting of 302 points
- Option C – Weighting of 250.5 points
- Option D – Weighting of 264.5 points

7.2 All residents who currently live in the towers returned 39 questionnaires out of 50 (78% turnout) and it shows option B was favoured as:

- Option A – Weighting of 94.5 points
- Option B – Weighting of 108.5 points
- Option C – Weighting of 97 points
- Option D – Weighting of 90.5 points

7.3 Tenants who remain in the towers returned 27 questionnaires out of 34 (79% turnout) and it shows option B was favoured as follows:

- Option A – Weighting of 67 points
- Option B – Weighting of 75.5 points
- Option C – Weighting of 63 points
- Option D – Weighting of 64.5 points

7.4 Resident leaseholders returned 12 questionnaires out of 16 (75% turnout) and it shows option C was favoured slightly as follows:

- Option A – Weighting of 27 points
- Option B – Weighting of 33 points
- Option C – Weighting of 34 points
- Option D – Weighting of 26 points

7.5 Tenants who have moved from the towers returned 65 questionnaires out of 151 (43% turnout) and it shows option B was favoured as follows:

- Option A – Weighting of 150 points
- Option B – Weighting of 181.5 points
- Option C – Weighting of 147.5 points
- Option D – Weighting of 171 points

7.6 Non-resident leaseholders returned 3 questionnaires out of 16 (19% turnout) and it shows option B was favoured as follows:

- Option A – Weighting of 9 points
- Option B – Weighting of 12 points
- Option C – Weighting of 8 points
- Option D – Weighting of 4 points