

Camden Leaseholders' Forum

We are an independent group speaking for those paying service charges to Camden Council. We tackle major issues to improve Council services, and advise individuals through our website.

September '15 update

- Major Works causing headaches? If you are suffering (and we know many feel that you are, particularly with the consultation process) do let us know as we are now liaising with Councillor Pat Callaghan to see what can be done to improve the situation. It is a major item for our meeting on Tuesday, 15th September so we can review progress. The more evidence we have the better!
- Procurement of the new major works contract There will be more consultation bundles in the post – these are a legal requirement but the aim is that more companies will become suppliers to Camden and reduce cost and, at the same time, offer more choice for repairs and major works. This process is likely to continue for another 6 months before the first changes will be seen on the ground. Our sub-group is working closely with the contracting team; feed in any comments you have to add.
- Service charges Leaseholder Services are now working on improving how they explain their service charge bills and we are collaborating with them on this.
- Parking A recent win was overturning the decision to limit properties to having a maximum of two car park spaces on estates, regardless of the size of property or needs of those living there; Camden are intending to consult about estate parking later this year; we look forward to making our voice heard as and when that consultation happens.

New website

See **www.leaseholdersforum.org.uk** for our new website, join in with our active discussion board and read our guides on: complaining effectively; how to form a leaseholders association; enfranchisement (buying the freehold of your property with other leaseholders); dealing with major works; and many more.

New Forum!

Our election is under way and we expect to have ballots in at least some districts. The new Forum will have a preliminary session in October, and begin its three-year term in November with the meeting below. Thanks to all who have stood, and please let us know if you have any time or skills to offer to help the new members; volunteers are always welcome.

Forthcoming Meetings

Come to our **OPEN MEETING on 24th November** to let the newly elected Leaseholders' Forum members know what concerns you the most in relation to being a leaseholder/freeholder. Other meetings are scheduled for 19th January and 22nd March 2016. All dates are provisional – check website for more details nearer the time.



**Dr Peter Wright, Chair,
For the Forum**

Where can I find out more information?

Our website: www.leaseholdersforum.org.uk

Our mailing list: Email: camden@leaseholdersforum.org.uk with “subscribe” in the subject line.

How do I contact the Forum?

1. Join the website and send a message on it, or send an email to the above address.
2. Leave a message for us with Hannah Hutter (our secretary) on 020 7974 6065.