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# Marie Curie newsletter

13 August 2021

## New Homes at Cezanne

Last week we told you that the new homes on Sceaux Gardens Estate will be available via the online bidding website during the bidding cycle Thursday 26 August to Sunday 29 August.

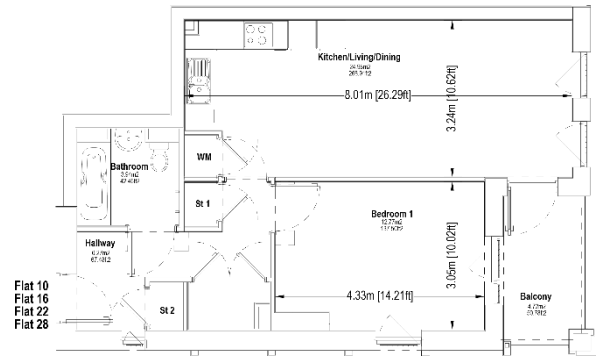
There are 28 new homes at Cezann: 8 one bed roomed homes; 14 two bed roomed homes; and 6 three bed roomed homes.

When it comes to bidding for the homes, you will not have to bid on individual homes, but on the bed roomed size you need. For example, if you want a three bed roomed home you will simply for a three bed roomed home at Cezanne. Whoever comes first will when pick which home they want. Whoever then comes second will then pick from the remaining homes, etc.

Tenants from Marie Curie have priority for these new homes and they will be allocated based on the following criteria, in accordance with the councils Allocations Scheme:

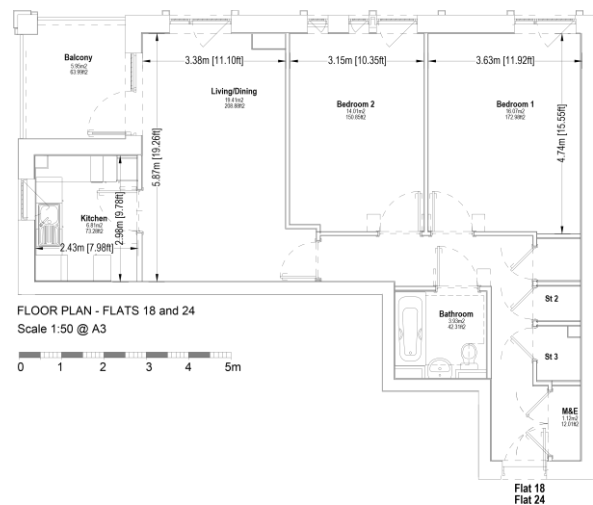
- 1- Priority band
- 2- Additional priority stars (paid employment, voluntary work, severe medical need)
- 3- Application registration date.

Here is an example of 4 of the one bed roomed flats:



The bedroom is 12.77 square metres (137.5 square feet); the combined kitchen and living room is 24.98 square metres (268.91 square feet); the bathroom and toilet is 3.94 square metres (42.48 square feet); and the private balcony is 4.72 square metres (50.78 square feet).

Here is an example of 2 of the two bed roomed flats:



The first bedroom is 16.07 square metres (172.98 square feet); the second bedroom is 14.01 square metres (150.85 square feet); the living room is 19.41 square metres (208.88 square feet); the kitchen is 6.81 square metres (73.28 square feet); the bathroom and toilet is 3.93 square metres (42.31 square feet); and the private balcony is 5.95 square metres (63.99 square feet).

If you are interested in these new homes, you need to make sure your Homesearch application is active for bidding.

Please note the Marie Curie team is available for residents to contact on **020 7732 2886** or **020 7732 2757** for help understanding the bidding process and activation of your bidding application. Additionally, the team can help tenants who need help to bid for these homes.

## Getting Ready for a viewing

If you are offered a property, you will need to check that your furniture and other items fit. So, before you go and view measure up your cooker, fridge, washing machine and other important items, and take a tape measure with you to check that they fit.

## Leaseholder Contact

If you are a leaseholder and still haven't spoken to us, please get in touch with on **020 7732 2886** or **020 7732 2757** or email [mariecurie@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:mariecurie@southwark.gov.uk). We can discuss with you any issues of concern.

So far, three leaseholders have asked for a valuation of their home, and the valuations will take place from the week commencing 16 August 2021.

## Southwark Wellbeing Hub

The Southwark Wellbeing Hub provides information and support for anyone in Southwark worried about their mental

wellbeing, or that of someone close to them.



It is run by the charity Together for Mental Wellbeing. The Hub's services are free and open to anyone who lives in Southwark, or who is registered with a Southwark GP.

The Southwark Wellbeing Hub works in partnership with Southwark Council's Adult Social Care Mental Health Team. They provide an easy point of access for any person who has care and support needs because of their mental health and any person who cares for someone with mental health needs.

Finding support for your mental health can seem like an overwhelming task. The Southwark Wellbeing Hub is here to help. Call on **020 3751 9684** or email [southwarkhub@together-uk.org](mailto:southwarkhub@together-uk.org) today.

We have also received some questions from leaseholders, which we will be responding to next week.

## Need to speak to Southwark face-to-face?

Officers will be available at the Sceaux Gardens TRA Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between

10am and 2pm. Just come in and see us.

## Rehousing Update

All residents in Marie Curie will have to leave their homes while their blocks are renovated. Residents have the choice to move either permanently or temporarily.

If you choose to move permanently and are registered for re-housing, you should note that properties are not allocated according to the time you bid. They are allocated by our colleagues in the allocations team according to Southwark Council's lettings policies. Marie Curie council tenants are in Band One, and the properties are allocated by how many stars each applicant has, then by application date and finally by your tenancy date.

The available properties will change each week and therefore we encourage households to check

**[www.southwarkhomesearch.org.uk](http://www.southwarkhomesearch.org.uk)** every week to see if there is a property that meets your needs.

73 tenants are now registered for re-housing.

So far, 13 residents have successfully bid for a new home, which they have viewed and 5 of them have accepted their new home.

If you need help with bidding or need assistance to register, help is available 24 hours a day on **020 7732 2886** or **020 7732 2757**. The team can also help you to amend your application. This could include updating your medical needs or updating your household members or

the inclusion of additional priority stars through paid or voluntary work.

## How to bid on Southwark's Homesearch Bidding Website

### Accessing the available properties

- Visit **[www.southwarkhomesearch.org.uk](http://www.southwarkhomesearch.org.uk)**
- Bidding cycle opens from Thursday to Sunday midnight each week
- Login using your bidding number and date of birth (or your own chosen password)
- The website will show available council and housing association properties
- The system will automatically show the eligible properties you can bid for based on your bedroom requirement.
- Place a bid on your chosen property
- Take a note of your queue position but please note this can change before the end of the bidding cycle

### Bidding advice and tips

- Check the local area before placing a bid
- Successful applicants are those who bid weekly and are flexible in their property and area of choice.
- Please carefully read the property advert, which will contain information such as location, rent, floor level, parking, etc.
- Have access to your phone the following week so you can be contacted and invited for a viewing if you are first, second or third in line for the property

### Prioritisation of households

Households will be prioritised based on the following:

- Priority band

- Number of stars
- Length of time they have been placed in the priority band

### Property allocation

- Your final queue position will be confirmed when the bidding cycle closes.
- If the first bidder refuses the property, it will be offered to the second bidder and so on until the property is taken
- If you are invited for a viewing you will need to produce documents to confirm your household and identity

### **Change of circumstances**

- Tell the council about any changes to your situation (for example medical needs, household members, contact details).
- Submit these changes using the following link and upload supporting documents

**[https://forms.southwark.gov.uk/ShowForm.asp?fm\\_fid=864](https://forms.southwark.gov.uk/ShowForm.asp?fm_fid=864)**

For further guidance you can view a video that Southwark have developed at:

**<https://vimeo.com/493801078/32870706f2>**

## **Roadmap moves to Step 4**

England moved into Step 4 of the roadmap from Monday 19 July.

This means from Monday 19 July:

- Capacity restrictions for large events are lifted
- Limits on numbers of guests at life events like weddings is lifted
- Limits on social contacts are lifted
- Remaining businesses can re-open



However is essential that we take these steps carefully and sensibly. It is expected and recommended people continue to wear face coverings in crowded places. You must still continue to self isolate if you are told to do so by NHS Test & Trace. Consider limiting close contact with people you do not live with.

If you plan to travel do so safely and plan ahead. You should continue to wear a mask (unless exempt), wash hands and maintain social distancing when out in public.

To see how this will impact council services please go to **[www.southwark.gov.uk/roadmap](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/roadmap)** for more information.

For more information on the current guidance see the government website at **[www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)**

## **The Marie Curie Resident Project Group**

The Marie Curie Resident Project Group meets monthly and oversees the project

from a resident perspective working with Southwark Council. We are keen for more people to get involved. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Neal Purvis on Freephone **0800 073 1051** or at **neal.purvis1@btinternet.com**

## Mail Order Deliveries – Keeping Corridors Clear

Please remember that corridors must be kept clear at all times. If you are shopping online you should ensure that there is someone at home to take in your parcels as they can't be left on the communal landings.

## Resident Services Officer for Sceaux Gardens

Sonia Forrest is the Resident Services Officer for Marie Curie. You can contact Sonia on **07946 369 599** and her email address is

**Sonia.forrest@southwark.gov.uk.**

You can also contact the Resident Services team who are available 24 hours, 7 days a week on **020 7732 2886** or **020 7732 2757**. You can also email them on **mariecurie@southwark.gov.uk.**

## Marie Curie Webpage

Everything we have issued to residents, including these newsletters and information to tenants and information to tenants, are uploaded to our website at **www.southwark.gov.uk/MarieCurie**

## Repairs

All repairs for Marie Curie should be reported by calling **0800 952 4444**.

Repairs can also be reported by email at **repairs@southwark.gov.uk.**

## The Independent Tenant and Homeowner Advisor

Neal Purvis and Lee Page from Open Communities are the Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisors for the works on Sceaux Gardens Estate, including Marie Curie.



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You can contact Neal and Lee, or the rest of the Open Communities team, on **0800 073 1051**.

## Fire Safety Team

If you wish to contact the Fire Safety Team for information on fire safety relating to your block you can contact them via **FRA@southwark.gov.uk.**

## Help us Keep Southwark Safe

If you think, you have any of the COVID-19 symptoms you and anyone living with

you should self-isolate immediately and book a test by calling 119 or visiting [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).

Symptoms include:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell

If you have symptoms, you and anyone you live with **must** stay at home and self-isolate until you get your results. It is now a legal requirement to self-isolate if you have had a positive test or if you are told to self-isolate by the national test and trace service.



If you think self-isolating could be difficult for any reason support is available. Visit the council's website for more information [www.southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus).

## Keep testing

One in three people could be carrying the COVID-19 virus without showing any symptoms. As part of coming out of lockdown safely everyone should be getting tested regularly – even if they don't have symptoms. Home tests are

now available for FREE to every household in the UK.

There are a number of ways you can get a test:

- There are now 45 community pharmacies in Southwark offering home test collection, including 10 who offer assisted testing. The map below shows all the current provision: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>
- Tests can also be collected from 9 Southwark libraries – you can find the list at [www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/get-a-free-covid-19-test/book-a-test-if-you-don-t-have-symptoms/community-collect](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/get-a-free-covid-19-test/book-a-test-if-you-don-t-have-symptoms/community-collect)
- Home delivery is available for home testing – to apply go to [www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](http://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)
- There are two mass testing sites at London Bridge and Peckham
  - London Bridge Station, St Thomas Street Exit, SE1 9QU
  - 21-23 Bournemouth Road, Peckham, London, SE15 4UJ

Tests can also be booked at [www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/get-a-free-covid-19-test/book-a-test-if-you-don-t-have-symptoms/mass-testing](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/get-a-free-covid-19-test/book-a-test-if-you-don-t-have-symptoms/mass-testing)

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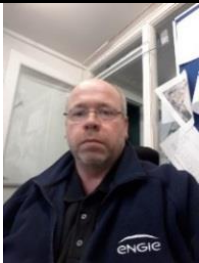


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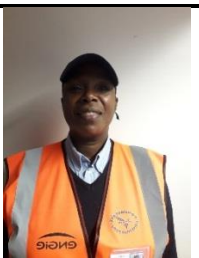


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