

# Cadent Redbridge: note from 27<sup>th</sup> February community engagement session

## Overview

Cadent arranged a virtual briefing session for the Redbridge and Wanstead communities on February 27<sup>th</sup> 2024 as part of our commitment to engaging with stakeholders and residents throughout the project's duration.

We arranged this session to update the community on our progress after receiving approval from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero in January 2024.

Cadent's representatives were:

- Phil Busby – Project Manager
- Alice Offley – Head of External Relations
- Stephanie van Rosse – Media Relations Manager

## Our update

During our presentation, we gave an overview of our planned works and the work we have done so far – including moving our temporary site compound, welfare facilities and storage to Wanstead Park Road allotments.

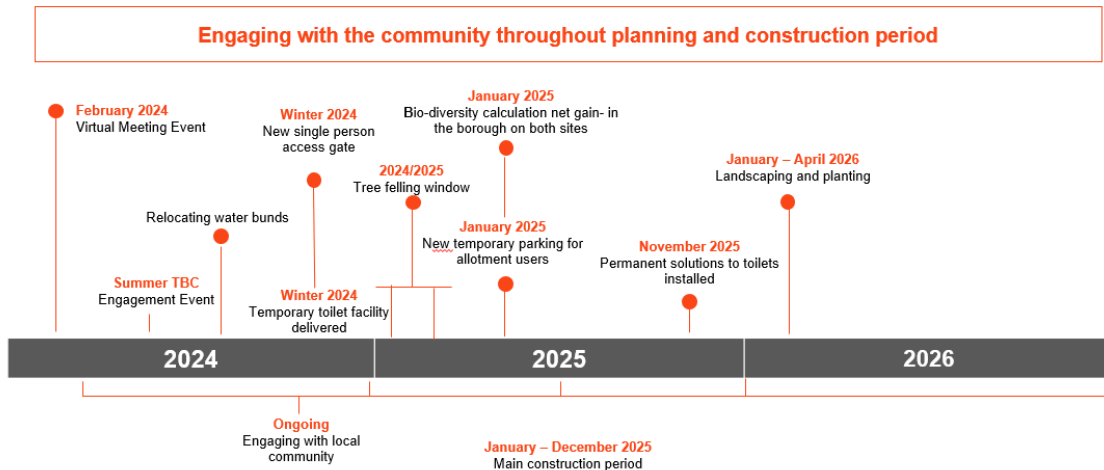
Throughout our update, we explained the limits to the information we are able to share – and that we are sharing as much as we can.

We also reminded stakeholders of the share of responsibilities between Cadent and Redbridge Council – who we are working closely with. This includes working with the Council to determine the location of the toilet block and access gates.

We also shared an updated provisional timeline and restated our commitment to engaging with the community throughout the planning and construction stages of our improvement works. The timeline we shared during the session is below.

We plan to start some enabling works this summer, including relocating the water bunds once agreed with Vision.

Later this year we plan to install a new single-person access gate and the temporary toilet facility – before beginning tree felling, which will continue into 2025. Temporary parking for allotment holders will be established in January 2025.



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\*Please note that this timeline is indicative and subject to change. We will continue engaging with the community throughout the project.

Figure 1 - our provisional timeline

We outlined our commitment to engaging with the community – and that we would like to extend our engagement wider. We will continue updating our website and providing monthly updates – as well as hosting future engagement sessions.

We will continue working with Redbridge Council and Vision Leisure on our improvement works. Our community engagement commitments are represented below.

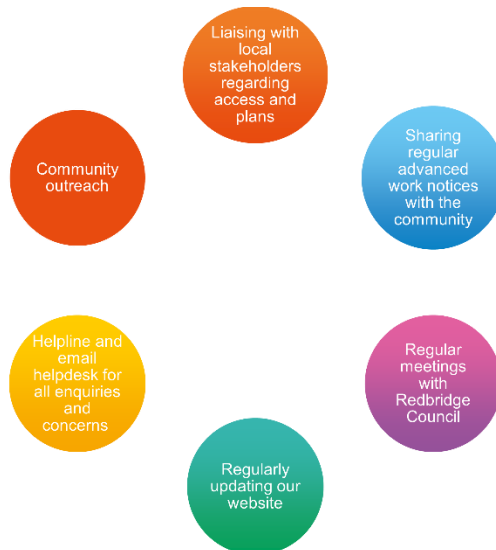


Figure 2 - our community engagement commitments

## Questions

We answered questions during the presentation and in a designated Q&A section. We have anonymised questions and answers as much as possible.

Question	Response
<p>It looks like there's no construction work starting until next year.</p> <p>When does the 2 years start and end?</p> <p>It's taking a long time to get this critical infrastructure project going.</p>	<p>Construction will start next year, but we will undertake some enabling works this year.</p> <p>We plan to be finished by the end of 2025 – subject to external issues outside of our control. We have to be finished by the end of March 2026 – but want to be on and off site in the shortest amount of time we safely can.</p> <p>We appreciate the delays in construction starting. This has been due to complications out of our control.</p>
<p>When will hoardings go up?</p>	<p>We're not sure at this stage. We have to formalise our staging area and pre-commencement conditions.</p>
<p>Have you agreed moving the water tanks with Vision yet?</p>	<p>We're still working with Vision on this, but plan to move them later this year.</p>
<p>How are you engaging with the community?</p>	<p>We've posted letters to more than 200 addresses and shared a 3-page information leaflet with details about our website and community phonenumber and email address.</p> <p>We want to broaden our reach and are looking at ways to do this – including working with the local school.</p>
<p>When are you likely to start reconstructing people's allotments?</p> <p>When will the other plots be available?</p> <p>Will you maintain abandoned plots to prevent them becoming overgrown?</p>	<p>We will start reinstating allotments at the end of construction, after November 2025. We will work with Redbridge Council and Vision on timings – but we can't give certain dates at the moment as it's so far away.</p> <p>We plan to manage and maintain the vacant plots and are working with Redbridge and Vision on this. We hope to tackle this this year.</p> <p>We will keep engaging with the community and allotment holders and provide as much clarity as we can. We are committed to engaging with the wider Redbridge and Wanstead communities throughout the project.</p>
<p>What notice will we get, and will we be consulted on the location of the new bits?</p> <p>Please keep us updated about where the new access and toilets will be.</p>	<p>We're working with Redbridge Council and Vision on the changes and will let the community know as soon as we can.</p>
<p>What's the total cost of construction?</p>	<p>We are not able to share that information.</p>
<p>Did you invite representatives from Vision?</p>	<p>Yes, we invited representatives from Vision and local councillors.</p>



## Our actions following the meeting

- Add the latest information and updates to the list of questions we responded to in December
- Arrange a follow-up meeting with an allotment holder
- Send our monthly outreach around 15<sup>th</sup> March
- Update our website with the latest information