

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **BHP launches £4.45 million warmer homes project on Kilburn estate**

Residents on a Brent Housing Partnership (BHP) managed estate in Kilburn have been invited to a special 'Halloween' coffee morning on Wednesday 26 October, to discuss plans for a £4.45 million project which will provide them with warmer and more energy efficient homes.

The residents will have a chance to see plans, ask questions and be involved in the warmer home project whilst also meeting BHP officers and contractors over a cup of coffee and some cake. There will also be activities, games and a Halloween dress-up for the young people on the estate.

Over the coming months BHP will be working with British Gas and their contractor Lawtech to improve the energy efficiency and long term maintenance of three tower blocks and 11 bungalows at Watling Gardens, Kilburn.

The project which begins on site this month, will see the installation of solid wall insulation, upgrading of the district heating system, replacement windows and new flat roofs for 134 flats. The works are being funded by Brent Council and £2.4m of ECO funding through British Gas.

The properties in Watling Gardens have historically been expensive to heat, due to the original design, lack of insulation and inadequate heating, resulting in some residents suffering issues with cold and damp.

Once complete, the scheme should help tenants cut their bills as they'll be using less energy and will find their homes much warmer and more comfortable. The work will transform the look of the blocks with the external wall insulation giving the tower blocks a fresh, modern look.

Greg Birch, Head of Property at BHP said: "BHP are delighted to be working with British Gas to install the energy efficiency measures to our homes on Watling Gardens, which will reduce residents' heating costs and improve their living environment."

Steve Gapik, Head of Business Development, Local Authorities and Housing Associations at British Gas, said: “The new insulation, heating systems and double glazing means hundreds of residents will have warmer, quieter and more energy efficient homes. The improvements will help them to manage their bills and save money too.”

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### **NOTES TO EDITOR**

- Brent Housing Partnership is a community housing company owned by Brent Council and is responsible for managing and maintaining 12,500 of the council's housing stock as well as developing new homes and owning 300 of its own properties
- BHP is run by a Board of residents, council and independent non-executive directors and is based in Brent Council's award-winning Civic Centre in Wembley

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