



## "Churchill Quarter"

Some of us have received notice of a second consultation on the Council's Library Gardens /Ethelbert Close development now called Churchill Quarter.

This will take place in the Wells Room at the Churchill Theatre Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2pm-7pm, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. Midday to 5pm and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10am -2pm.

If you cannot get to the exhibition you can catch up with the latest proposals online after the event and we urge you to do so. <a href="https://www.churchillquarterbromley.co.uk">www.churchillquarterbromley.co.uk</a>

Current scheme - The scheme has undergone some changes as a result of overwhelming public opposition to the proposals presented in June this year. The 16 storey block opposite the theatre has been reduced to 7 – 12 storeys and the development pulled back, mostly, to the boundary of Library Gardens with the exception of the toilet block and lawn in front proposed for a 7 storey block. The proposed sale of parkland land which caused so much anger and is now acknowledged as a major planning blunder by the Council was withdrawn by the Council. On this we have asked the former Leader of the Council, Stephen Carr and the Chief Executive three times who it was authorised the premature sale but have had no straight answer. One of the effects of the previous proposal was the loss of the beautiful grey Cedar tree which is now being retained albeit in a paved area to be called 'Cedar Place'. The general development name has changed for the third time being first Churchill Place, then Churchill Gardens and now Churchill Quarter. The tallest buildings are 14 storeys in the centre down to 11 & 12 and 7 at the Gardens edge. Alongside the usual architect's impressions that will be on display in the Wells Room will be 'Verified Views'. These are objectively measured views of the scheme from a variety of viewpoints and they enable a judgement of the true visual impact of the buildings on the Library and Church House Gardens.

## Have your say

Do please attend the presentation if you can or look on the website <u>www.churchillquarterbromley.co.uk</u> after the public presentation dates where you can register your comments.

**Ethelbert Close** - Many of the leaseholders in Ethelbert Close which is the site of proposed 'Churchill Quarter' and whose homes are proposed by the Council for compulsory purchase are determined to hang on for a CPO Inquiry where the scheme has to be justified and BCS is supporting them in their plight.