



Marie Curie newsletter

20 August 2021

New Homes at Cezanne

Last week we showed you some of the layouts of the new flats at Cezanne. You told us some of you had difficulty with the layouts and asked if we could enlarge them.

They are therefore on separate pages at the end of the newsletter this week.

The new flats will be available via the online bidding website during the bidding cycle Thursday 26 August to Sunday 29 August.

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.

Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP)

We know there can be a reluctance to share disability and health information, but your engagement with our ongoing exercise in determining who would benefit from a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) is key.



Not all impairments look the same – spread the word

PEEPs seek to provide people who cannot get themselves out of a building unaided with a bespoke escape plan in a fire emergency.

We have been working with residents in the last couple of months who self-identified as unable to self-evacuate. PEEPs already in place in your building help provide a tailored approach to evacuation for those residents who would have difficulty self-evacuating in the event of a fire.

We continue to encourage residents to become more confident and come forward to request any support they may need with evacuating the building in the event of an emergency.

There are varying reasons that residents may need to consider such a plan, including (but not limited to):

- people with mobility impairments (incl. wheelchair users);
- people with a cognitive impairment;
- and people with a hearing or visual impairment.

We recognise that some of our residents with any of the above impairments may not wish to have/ or decide that they do not need to have a PEEP. In which case we are happy to offer fire safety advice or even carry out a person-centred fire risk assessment for you/

your home.

If you have not done so already, please reach out to your Resident Service Officer to share your request, so that we can discuss how we might be able to support you in an emergency. The Marie Curie team is available for residents to contact on **020 7732 2886** or **020 7732 2757**.

Leaseholder Meeting

As we have advised in previous newsletters our independent valuers, Carter Jonas, are now conducting valuations with those leaseholders who have requested them. Please contact us if you would like a valuation.

We realise that leaseholders are anxious about the options available and we promised a further zoom meeting. We propose to hold this the week commencing 6 September and are currently checking available dates. Once we have these we will ensure all our leaseholders are invited.

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. We can discuss with you any issues of concern.

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 today.

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 every week to see if there is a property that meets your needs.

73 tenants are now registered for re-housing.

So far, 15 residents have successfully bid for a new home, which they have viewed and 5 of them have accepted their new home. 3 are awaiting a date to view 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
- 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

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

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

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.

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** for more information.

For more information on the current guidance see the government website at **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.

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.

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.

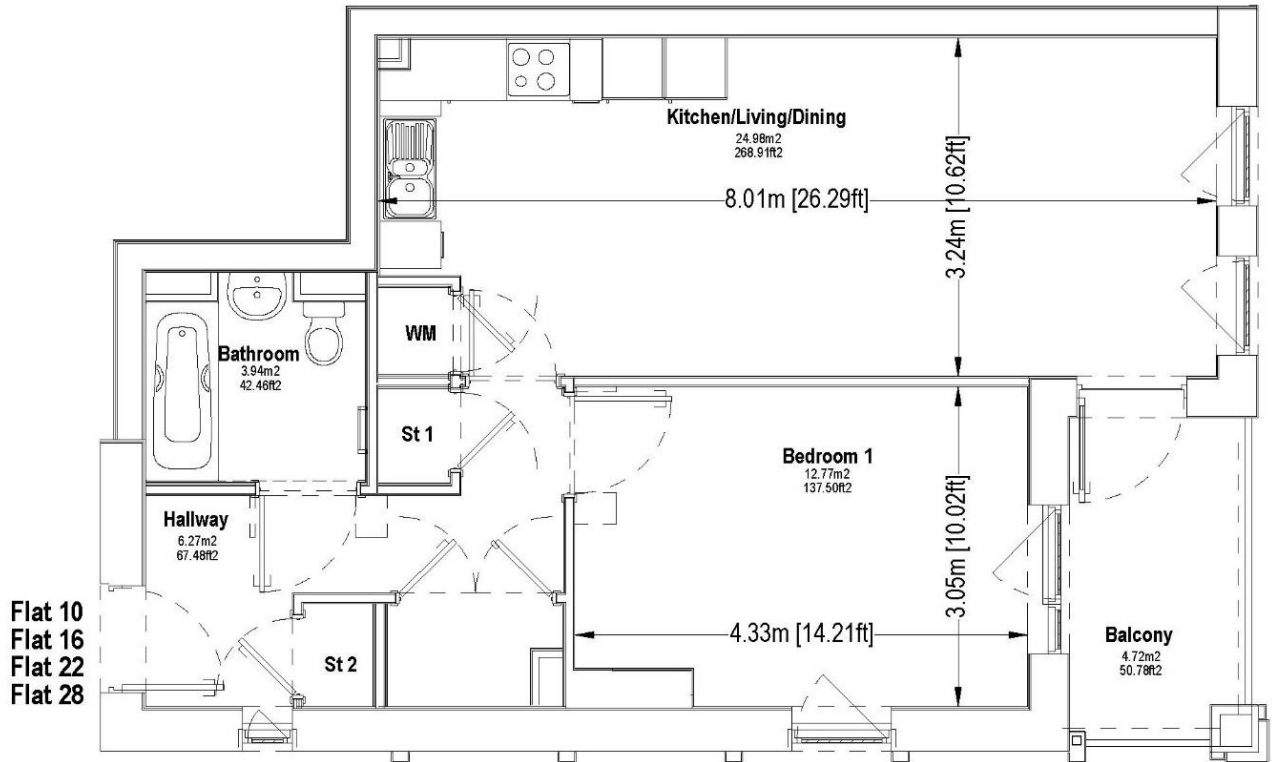
There are a number of ways you can get a test:

- 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
- Home delivery is available for home testing – to apply go to 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

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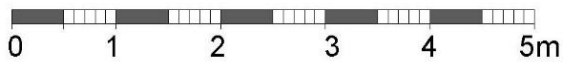
Cezanne - An example of the one bedroomed flats:

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).



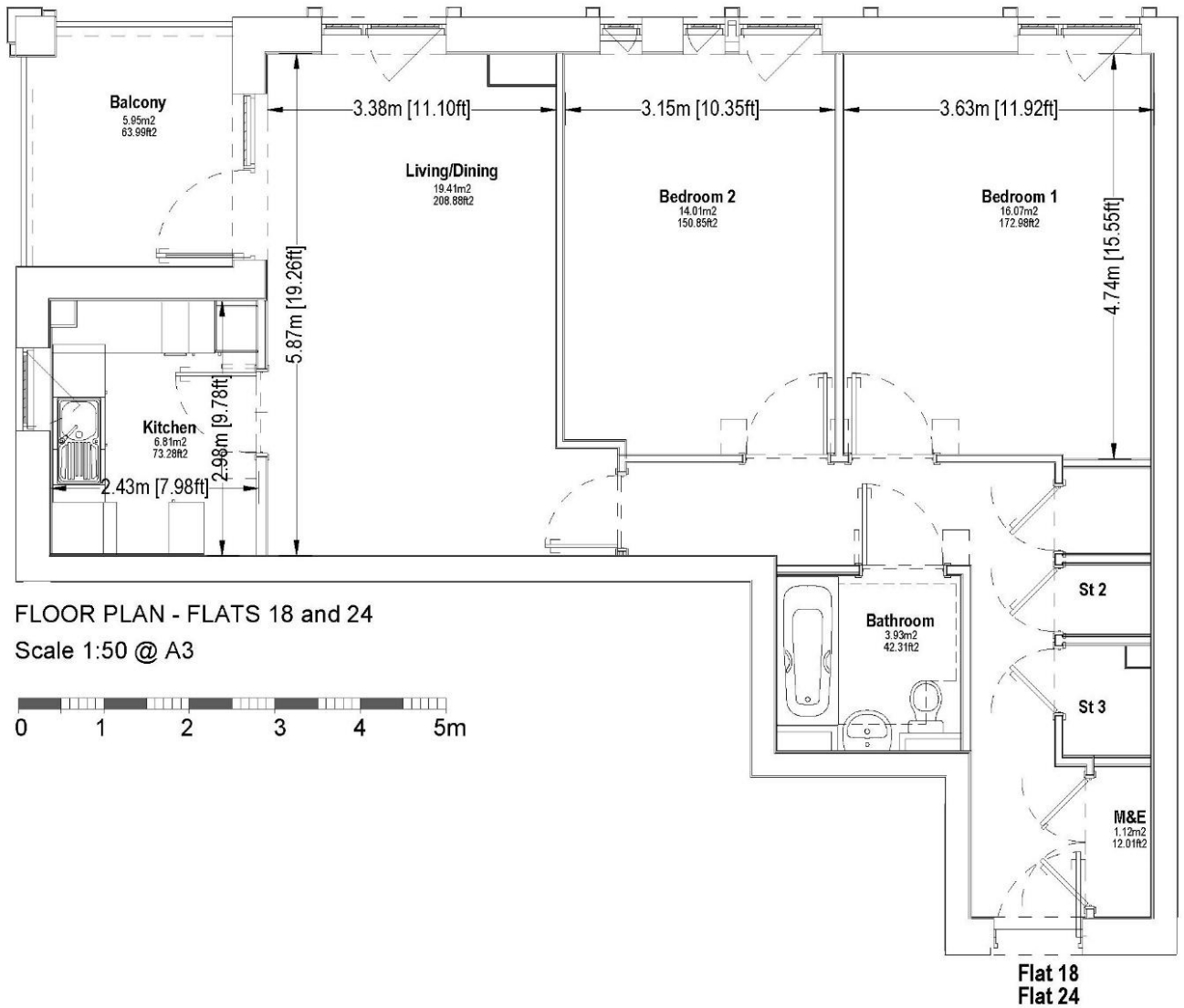
FLOOR PLAN - FLATS 10, 16, 22 and 28

Scale 1:50 @ A3



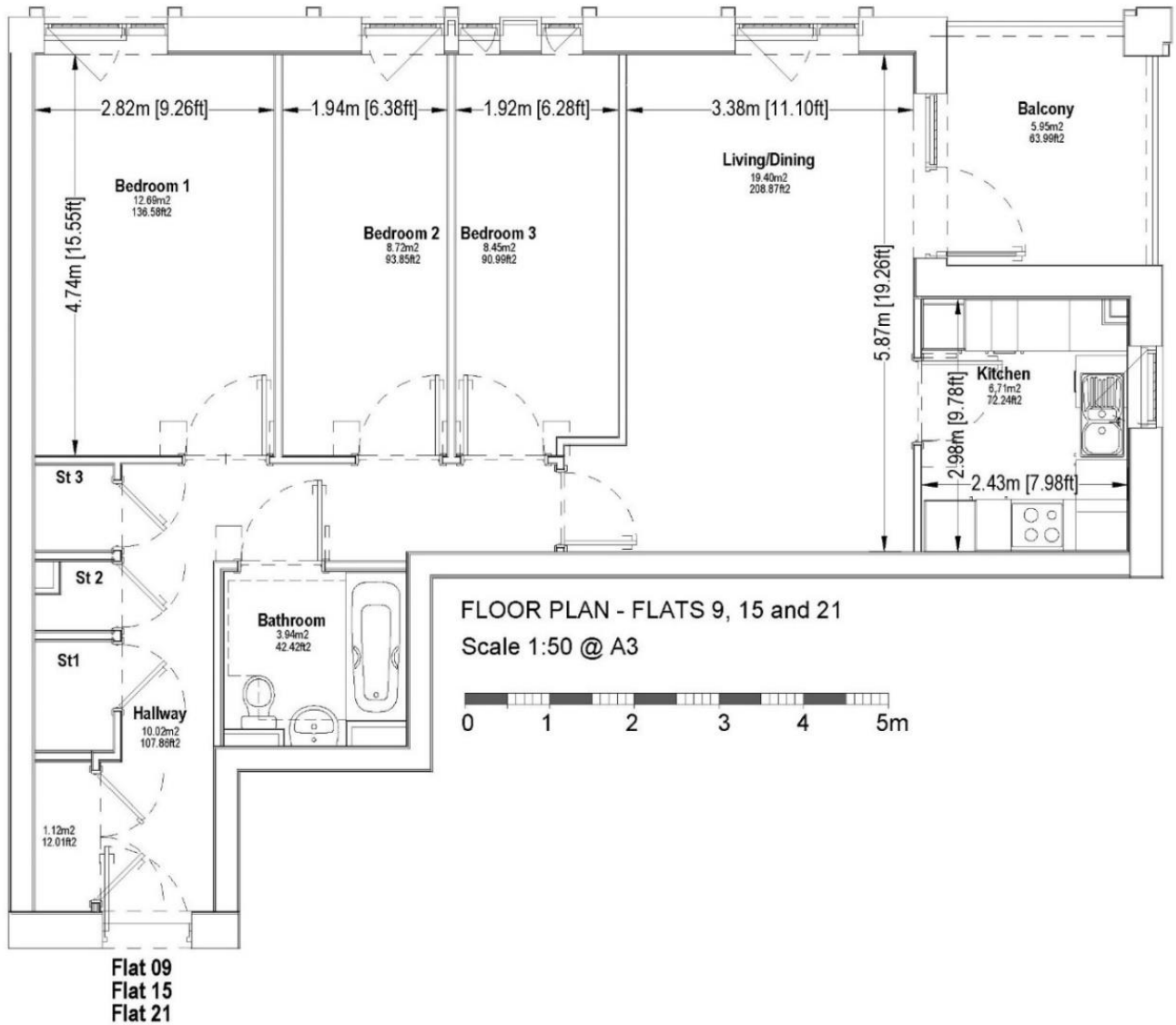
Cezanne - An example of the two bedroomed flats:

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).




Cezanne - An example of the three bedroomed flats:

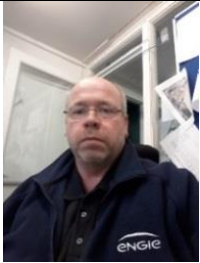
The first bedroom is 12.69 square metres (136.58 square feet); the second bedroom is 8.72 square metres (93.85 square feet); the third bedroom is 8.45 square metres (90.99 square feet); the living room is 19.40 square metres (208.87 square feet); the kitchen is 6.71 square metres (72.24 square feet); the bathroom and toilet is 3.94 square metres (42.42 square feet); and the private balcony is 5.95 square metres (63.99 square feet).



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