

Calthorpe Residents Society EGM held on July 2nd, 2026 regarding proposed sales of land by Calthorpe Estates.

Peter Arnold (PA) (CRS Chair) welcomed over 150 people including Preet Gill MP for Edgbaston and Councillors Matt Bennett, Deirdre Alden (Edgbaston), Sam Forsyth (Quinton) and Martin Brooks OBE (Harborne) as well as CRS officers Nick Brown (Secretary) and Colin Morley (Treasurer) to an Extraordinary Meeting of the Calthorpe Residents Society held at Edgbaston High School for Girls.

Notes of the meeting are available [here](#).

The meeting was convened to discuss the proposed sale of 200 or so freeholds by Calthorpe Estates. CRS was first informed of this intention by telephone call on May 22nd with the first sale scheduled by auction for July 9th, 2026.

The meeting covered the background to the sales and actions to date. There were contributions from Colin Morley (Treasurer, CRS,) Nick Brown (Secretary, CRS), Preet Gill MP and Councillor Matt Bennett.

Questions and contributions from the floor added to everyone's general understanding on what was happening and what may be required in the immediate and medium-term future within each affected locality.

Some of the key points arising were:

- Hampshire Drive amenity area and pond has been acquired by a group of local residents following pressure on CE from many stakeholders. An Asset of Community Value (ACV) application and Town and Village Green (TVG) application were also submitted for this land.
- The sale of Hampshire Drive Road has been put back to October giving the residents time to organise themselves and potentially buy the road.
- CRS will now meet with Calthorpe Estates (CE) on a regular basis to discuss the future schedule of sales. CE has undertaken to give at least three months' notice of future road sales while reiterating its wish to work more closely with residents and to ultimately see residents buy and take control of the land. They have also undertaken to consider breaking down complex parts of the Estate with multiple roads and residential blocks into more manageable units such as individual roads or blocks.
- CRS strongly believes that each resident's area needs to mobilise rapidly to consider its needs whether that be to secure the future of valuable green land or to buy the road or block where they live.
- To support localities CRS will establish working groups to share expertise, advice and knowledge for
 1. Purchase of residential leasehold blocks
 2. Purchase of private roads
 3. Sale of Amenity areas/green spaces
 4. Future third party planning applications

If you are interested in being part of any of these working groups please email Nick Brown on info@calthorperesidents.org

CRS Committee, July, 2026.