



# Minutes of the 4EF Meeting

30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7pm

Strafford St Friendship Club

## Present

Residents: Candida (chair), Arthur (mins), Jenny, Maggie, Maureen, Jill,

Advisor: Mike

OH:

Apologies: Kim, Julius, Lesley, Pam, Jackie, Eliza, Peter, Ahmed, Daniel, (Glen)

Apologies and introductions

## Mikes Report (sent separately)

### Discussion on Points

1. Blocks over 11 meters will now have to have a fire safety Plan sent to the regulator. This will be hard for the Regulator, the Borough and HAs to recruit enough staff to make this happen.
2. Is the density of new OH developments higher than other HAs/Councils?
3. The proposed timetables for completing schemes have been extended because of the financial situation.
4. Mike has now agreed to work with the Samuda Resident Steering Group (RSG) and this has been authorised by OH.
5. The Samuda RSG architects' sub-group has been challenging OH wanting to rush ahead with the project eg the haste to appoint architects. The residents on the estate are still being kept in the dark about what is going on.
6. One reason why OH may want to speed up the Samuda regeneration is that Kelson will need more work to keep it safe.
7. There are alternatives to rebuilding the Samuda blocks but funding new heating and insulating is hard to fund in this financial climate.
8. OH needs to take on board the residents' hopes to have a better home rather than just another mediocre development.
9. We will invite the Cabinet Lead for Regeneration (Kabir Ahmed) to discuss our expectations from OH and what can TH do to support us.

Mike to  
investigate

## Review of the Meeting with Carol Matthews CEO Riverside

10. We didn't feel that Carol was really listening to our concerns and was just telling us that we were lucky to be merging with them. They were providing financial support and keeping OH viable.

11. Should we lobby the Council to support residents more in dealing with our problems with OH. Jenny
12. There were concerns that Carol's time with us was limited because of the unexpected extended walkabout on St John's.

Next meeting: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm