



## ST JOHNS ESTATE November 2018

The newsletter of the 4 Estates Forum, a group of residents, independent of One Housing Group

### Public Meetings – What happened?

You will recall from recent newsletters that One Housing Group (OHG) have been attending residents meetings across the Island to explain their current proposals about the three areas where OHG have suggested they want to start a “conversation” with residents about the future for their homes.

The presentations have been given by Paul Handley who has recently been appointed as Head of Regeneration (Island Region). A meeting on Samuda is still to be organised, however Mike Tyrrell will give an update at the Samuda Tenants & Residents Association (TRA) meeting being held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7pm in Club 55, Stewart Street, London E14 3JH.

If you missed the meetings, as soon as the presentation slides from the meetings have been received by the 4 Estates Forum, we will publish them on our website: [www.4estatesforum.org.uk](http://www.4estatesforum.org.uk).

Following on from the meetings, each of the affected areas has responded in a different way.

The residents at [Oak House](#) and [Alice Shepherd House](#) in Manchester Road, on the [St Johns Estate](#) are keen to start a “conversation” with OHG as soon as possible and want a RSG set up by Christmas. The RSG will be responsible for overseeing and advising on the work that OHG Group will be carrying out during the process.

Therefore, during November residents in the two blocks St Johns blocks have been written to in a joint newsletter from the TRA and OHG, inviting residents to put themselves forward to serve on the RSG. In early December there will be a meeting with all those residents who have volunteered to serve on the RSG to explain exactly what it will involve.

The RSG will then be elected at a launch meeting in December.



The residents on the [Kingsbridge Estate](#) will be discussing the next steps for their estate at the next meeting of the Kingsbridge TRA which will be held at the TRA Office, 4 Montcalm House at 6.30pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

The residents at [Kedge House](#), [Winch House](#) and [Starboard Way](#) in Tiller Road, on the [Barkantine Estate](#) are also keen to start a conversation. They want the process to be speeded up. As a result a number of questions have been put to OHG on how the process can be quickened.

The responses from OHG will be reported back to residents of Kedge House, Winch House, and Starboard Way at a meeting for them only at 7pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at the Barkantine Hall.

As a reminder the “conversations” in the three areas are not simply about demolition and replacement with new homes. One Housing Group have now re-iterated on a number of occasions that it will be residents who decide what happens to their homes. This “conversation” therefore means that these options could range from doing nothing, refurbishing the blocks, extending the blocks, or knocking some or all of the blocks down and replacing them with new homes.

## What is the role of the Resident Steering Group?

The 4 Estates Forum has advised residents who want to engage with One Housing Group that the Resident Steering Group's role will be crucial in the "conversation" that they will be embarking on.

The Resident Steering Group's role is to provide a resident-led mechanism to maximise resident engagement in any consultation exercise and if any option is chosen that includes works, to monitor and oversee any proposed works.

To do this the Resident Steering Group will be directly involved with and receive information and comment on with the support of architects and consultants on the following key issues related to any works that residents may agree:

- Maximising resident engagement
- Communications with all residents affected by the works
- Balloting arrangements
- Consultation on the works
- Appointing consultants
- Options for the works
- Contents of a Resident Charter
- Specification of the works
- Progress in carrying out the works
- Quality of the works
- Resident feedback on the works

The Resident Steering Group will be supported by an Independent Adviser; and most importantly any promises made as part of the process will be contained in a charter that residents will receive support on to ensure it is legally binding.



## What is the 4EF?

The 4 Estates Forum is a group of residents independent of One Housing Group.

*Our aim is to hold One Housing Group to account.*

We do not get any benefit from One Housing Group.

We do not make any decisions on behalf of residents about their homes.

We want to make sure all residents' voices can be heard loudly and clearly.

We want to make sure any consultation is done properly, fairly and openly.

## What can you do?

- Watch out for meetings or information from the resident organisations on your estate. Members of the 4EF will be present to give updates.
- Visit the 4EF website and find the whole story: [www.4estatesforum.org.uk/latest-news/](http://www.4estatesforum.org.uk/latest-news/)
- Get in touch with the 4EF and let us know your views at: [mike@4estatesforum.org.uk](mailto:mike@4estatesforum.org.uk)

There is not much more information the 4EF can give you because it you, the residents of the suggested areas who will be deciding what happens next.

The 4EF meets monthly with One Housing Group and has an advisor, Mike Tyrell, who many of you will have met.

Mike along with the members of the 4EF will be available to work with the residents of the three suggested areas to support and advise them through this process to explore all options, and their pros and cons.

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