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

How far has the consultation gone in the three areas across the Island, where residents are involved in making a decision of the future of their homes?

One Housing are consulting with residents in three areas on the Island on the future of their homes. One Housing have repeated on a number of occasions that it will be residents who will decide what happens to their homes by developing a range of options; so this is not simply about demolition and replacement with new homes.

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.

Since July's newsletter, things have moved on in the three areas. Each of the areas has appointed a Resident Steering Group which meet monthly and they all have a different approach to each other.

The Residents Steering Group for [Oak House](#) and [Alice Shepherd House](#) in Manchester Road, on the [St Johns Estate](#) have just appointed PRP as the architects to work with them on developing options for their blocks.

All the residents of the two blocks will shortly be invited to some drop in sessions to meet the architects and to identify what they like and don't like about their homes and blocks. This information, along with the results of the survey undertaken by 79% of the residents earlier on in the year, will be used by the architects to work up some initial options for residents to consider at a further drop in session.

The Independent Resident Adviser appointed by the Resident Steering Group is Lee Page from TPAS. Lee can be contacted at lee@LPAhousing.org or by phone on 07722 054767.



The Resident Steering Group at [Kedge House](#), [Winch House](#) and [Starboard Way](#) in Tiller Road, on the [Barkantine Estate](#) are very keen to draw up options for their blocks as soon as possible. They have also appointed PRP as their architects and have already had two drop in sessions for residents to meet the architects. The presentation boards from the events can be found on the 4EF website: www.estates.org.uk.

PRP are now working on the initial options for residents to consider at further drop ins in the first week of December 2019. This will give residents the chance to feedback on the options and suggest changes.

The Independent Resident Adviser appointed by the Resident Steering Group is Ray Coyle from Open Communities. Ray can be contacted at ray.coyle@opencommunities.org or by phone on 07932 066501.

The Resident Steering Group on the [Kingsbridge Estate](#) have recently agreed the wording of the survey to find out from residents what they like and dislike about their current home. The surveys will be completed during a joint visit by to every resident by One Housing and the Independent Resident Advisors.

The Independent Resident Adviser team appointed by the Resident Steering Group are Christine Searle, Rob Lantsbury and Iftekhar Ahmed from New Mill. The New Mill team can be contacted on the following freephone number 0800 0304588.

What will the Resident Steering Groups be doing next?

The Resident Steering Groups are all moving at their own pace, so they will each be considering different matters.

Over the coming months, where a group has appointed architects, they will be making sure that the options that are being developed involve as many residents as possible in the consultation, through surveys, drop-in sessions, one to one interviews etc. At each stage of developing the options, drop-in sessions will be held.



To help the architects develop options, a series of surveys are taking place in each of the three areas. These surveys include drainage and topographical and surveys measuring the size of the existing homes and communal areas. Pictured above is the topographical survey being undertaken at Alice Shepherd House.

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Where can I find out more about what is going on?

The minutes of the meetings of all the Resident Steering Groups are available on the 4EF website www.4estatesforum.org.uk.

The website now has sections called “Alice Shepherd & Oak Houses”, “Kedge, Starboard & Winch” and “Kingsbridge”. If you click on those sections, three tabs appear for each of the three areas. If you click on them, you can find all the consultation information, newsletters and minutes for the meetings in that area. In addition, you can also find the Terms of Reference for each Group and the questions that have been put to OHG.

The role of the 4 Estates Forum

The 4 Estates Forum (4EF) is an elected group of residents independent of One Housing Group with the aim of holding One Housing Group to account.

In the current consultation being undertaken in the three areas, we are not making any decisions on behalf of residents about their homes, our role is to make sure all residents’ voices can be heard loudly and clearly and that any consultation is done properly, fairly and openly.

For more information, visit the 4EF website and find the whole story: www.4estatesforum.org.uk, or contact our Advisor, Mike Tyrrell at: mike@4estatesforum.org.uk.

Get involved on Samuda

The Chair of the Samuda Tenants & Residents Association is Noah Chamberlain.

There are no other Officers, and they are looking for volunteers who is keen to get involved in their community; and anyone who comes forward will receive support and any training they require.

If you are interested, please contact Mike Tyrrell at: mike@4estatesforum.org.uk and he will pass it on to the Samuda TRA.