



## ST JOHNS ESTATE January 2019

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

### What is the latest in the three areas where a conversation is being held?

Since November's newsletter, things have moved on in each of the areas across the Island where the conversations with residents on the future of their homes are taking place.

The residents at [Oak House](#) and [Alice Shepherd House](#) in Manchester Road, on the [St Johns Estate](#) met with Richard Hill, the Chief Executive of One Housing Group to launch the conversation on their blocks on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018. At the meeting Richard Hill reiterated that it will be the residents that make a decision on the future of their homes through a ballot. The meeting also appointed the residents from the blocks who volunteered to serve on the Resident Steering Group.

The minutes of the meeting are available on the 4EF website [www.4estatesforum.org.uk](http://www.4estatesforum.org.uk). The website now has a section called Resident Steering Groups" and if you click on that tab, three tabs appear for each of the three areas. If you click on them you can find all the correspondence, newsletters and minutes for the meetings in that area.

The residents on the [Kingsbridge Estate](#) discussed the next steps for their estate at their meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

As a result the timetable for commencing the conversation on the Kingsbridge Estate is:

- In the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019, the TRA will write to all the residents to outline what will be happening over the coming weeks to set up the Resident Steering Group.
- In the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 there will be a joint newsletter from the TRA and OHG inviting residents to put themselves forward to serve on the Resident Steering Group.



- In the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019, there will be door knocking in the block to encourage residents to get involved and answer any questions that they have.
- In the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 there will be a meeting with all those residents who have volunteered to serve on the Estate Steering Group to explain exactly what it will involve.
- In the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 there will be a meeting to launch the conversation and residents will elect their representatives to the Resident Steering Group.

The residents at [Kedge House](#), [Winch House](#) and [Starboard Way](#) in Tiller Road, on the [Barkantine Estate](#) held a meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

At the meeting, the residents were keen to commence the conversation as soon as possible, but with the Resident Steering Group being open to all residents.

In order to make this happen, there will be a meeting for residents in January 2019 at the Barkantine Hall.

## What are the conversations about?



As a reminder the “conversations” in the three areas are not simply about demolition and replacement with new homes. One Housing Group have now reiterated 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.

The presentations given by Paul Handley the Head of Regeneration (Island Region) has given a presentation at the residents meetings for three of the estates concerned. The final presentation on the [Samuda Estate](#) will be held at the Samuda Tenants & Residents Association (TRA) meeting being held in January 2019.

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).



## What is the 4EF?

The 4 Estates Forum is an elected 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.

The 4 Estates Forum will still be in existence despite Project Stone not being pursued by One Housing Group, and the three areas chosen for a conversation have agreed to progress the consultation for their blocks.

The 4EF will continue, as it is important that residents across the Island who are being consulted have the support of their neighbours.

This will be the last monthly newsletter that you receive from the 4EF, newsletters will be at least quarterly in 2019 so that everyone across all four estates can be updated as to what is happening.

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

## Elections to the 4EF

In January and February, there will be elections at each of the resident organisation meetings on the four estates to elect the representatives to the 4EF for 2019. Look out for the posters advertising the meetings on your estate.

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