



## KINGSBRIDGE ESTATE May 2017

The newsletter of the 4 Estates Forum giving a resident viewpoint of the redevelopment proposals

### ENGAGEMENT SUSPENDED OVER KINGSBRIDGE ESTATE CONTROVERSY

At the beginning of May 2017 the 4 Estates Forum (4EF) were advised that One Housing Group (OHG) had applied to the Greater London Authority (GLA) for £6m funding for the provision of new homes for rent and shared ownership on the Kingsbridge Estate.

This bid implies that the Kingsbridge Estate would be redeveloped and it was put forward to the GLA without any consultation with residents and Tower Hamlets Council; and without the knowledge of OHG's development partner Argent.

OHG have said their bid was only 'indicative,' not a 'firm' proposal, at the GLA's request, and would not prejudice consultations. Residents worry that OHG effectively asked the GLA for support prematurely.



John Biggs the Mayor of Tower Hamlets wrote to OHG on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 stating that he would not be supporting their bid as no consultation had been carried out with residents. A copy of the letter from the Mayor to OHG and their reply is on the 4EF website at: [www.4estatesforum.org.uk](http://www.4estatesforum.org.uk).

At a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017, the members of the 4EF made it very clear that they were not willing to engage with OHG and Argent any further until:

- OHG and Argent agree that the options appraisal process should be resident led and that any options to be consulted on have been developed by residents
- OHG agree that no funding bid is made for any of their estates on the Island without resident led consultation having been concluded on that estate to the satisfaction of the majority of residents
- the Interim Chief Executive of OHG meets with the 4EF Forum to explain how such a bid was made without resident consultation
- the 4EF meet with James Murray the Deputy Mayor of London for Housing & Regeneration to explain our position
- the full contents of the bid are revealed
- the bid is withdrawn
- an assurance is given to residents of the Kingsbridge Estate that no redevelopment of their estate will happen without full and meaningful consultation



## STOCK CONDITION SURVEY SOON TO BE COMPLETE



Hunters who have been appointed to carry out the Stock Condition Survey for the four estates (Barkantine, Kingsbridge, Samuda and St Johns) are soon to complete their survey.

They were chosen by a joint panel comprising the 4 Estates Forum, Tower Hamlets Council, Argent and One Housing Group (OHG).

The survey commenced on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and it will be complete by the end of June 2017.

In early July the results are going to be published for all residents to see and they will be put on the 4 Estates Forum website.

Once the final reports are available a workshop will be held on each estate to discuss the findings. The dates for the workshop on your estate will be publicised in the June edition of the 4 Estates Forum newsletter.



## KINGSBRIDGE TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Kingsbridge Tenants & Residents Association meets every other month. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every odd month at 6pm at the TRA Office, 4 Montrose House. The Chair is Mr Uddin. The next meeting is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 6pm.

## INDEPENDENT ADVISOR

The 4 Estates Forum has a part time Independent Advisor, Mike Tyrrell. Mike can be contacted at [mike@4estatesforum.org.uk](mailto:mike@4estatesforum.org.uk).

## 4 ESTATES FORUM WEBSITE

Have you visited the 4 Estates Forum website? The website can be found at:

[www.4estatesforum.org.uk](http://www.4estatesforum.org.uk)

The website contains: all the newsletters issued by the 4 Estates Forum for each estate; minutes of the 4 Estates Forum; and Argents and OHG's joint response to a series of questions asked by the residents of the Kingsbridge Estate.

The results of the Stock Condition Survey will also be posted on the website. Therefore please check the website for any updates.



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