



BARKANTINE ESTATE June 2017

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

LATEST POSITION ON KINGSBRIDGE ESTATE CONTROVERSY

In the May 2017 newsletter we reported that the 4 Estates Forum (4EF) had been 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.

At a meeting on 17th 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 a series of demands had been met. The letter from the 4EF to One Housing Group can be viewed on the 4EF website at:

www.4estatesforum.org.uk

As a result of the letter the members of the 4EF met with John Gregory the OHG Interim Chief Executive and Alan Williams, the OHG Group Director of Development on Wednesday 7th June 2017



There was a full and frank exchange of views, with members of the 4EF expressing their lack of trust.

As a result of the meeting we believe that we have secured the following:

1. OHG and Argent agree that the options appraisal process should be resident led and that any options to be consulted on will have been developed with the full cooperation of residents.
2. 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
3. The full contents of the GLA bid are revealed
4. The GLA indicative bid for new homes on the Kingsbridge Estate is withdrawn
5. An assurance is given in writing as soon as possible by OHG to all residents of the Kingsbridge Estate that no redevelopment of their estate will happen without full and meaningful consultation.

We are currently awaiting a written response from OHG to confirm their agreement with our demands. We will update you in the next newsletter.

STOCK CONDITION SURVEY COMPLETION DELAYED



Hunters who have been appointed to carry out the Stock Condition Survey for the four estates (Barkantine, Kingsbridge, Samuda and St Johns) were due to shortly report on their findings.

However this will be delayed due to the extra work they have identified to get a comprehensive survey and because of the need to get 20% access on the blocks on St Johns Estate which are overwhelmingly leasehold.

The survey commenced on 10th April 2017 and it will be complete by the end of July 2017.

In August 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 July edition of the 4 Estates Forum newsletter.

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BARKANTINE MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Barkantine Management Team meets monthly and over the next year it is important that Residents work together to ensure they are properly consulted on these proposals. The Chair is Arthur Coppin. The Barkantine Management Team can be contacted at yourbmt@yahoo.co.uk.

INDEPENDENT ADVISOR

The 4 Estates Forum has a part time Independent Advisor, Mike Tyrrell. Mike can be contacted at 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

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.

