



## SAMUDA ESTATE January 2020

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

### Consultation continues in the 3 areas across the Island, where residents are involved in making a decision on the future of their homes

The consultation in the three distinct areas across the Island where residents will be making the decision on the future of their homes will continue during 2020.

Each of the areas will be undertaking the consultation at their own pace, with the residents of Kedge House, Starboard Way and Winch House likely to make their decision this summer.

Residents have a range of options; from doing nothing, refurbishing the blocks, extending the blocks, or knocking some, or all of the blocks down and replacing them with new homes.

After extensive consultation, the decision will be made by residents through a ballot. The rules to the ballot are set out by the Greater London Authority (GLA). Under these rules the decision will be made by the tenants, resident leaseholders and housing applicants who have been on the Council's housing list for at least a year.

So, what is the latest in the three areas? Each of the areas has a Resident Steering Group which meet monthly, and they all have a different approach to each other. The presentation boards from the events that are being held in each area can be found on the 4EF website: [www.4estatesforum.org.uk](http://www.4estatesforum.org.uk).

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

At the end of January 2020 there will be two 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](mailto: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 finalise the options for their blocks as soon as possible.

They have also appointed PRP as their architects and have already had four drop in sessions (one of which is pictured above) for residents to meet the architects and comment on the first draft of the options that the architects have proposed. The comments from the last session will result in amended options to be considered at further drop in sessions to be held in February 2020.

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](mailto:ray.coyle@opencommunities.org) or by phone on **07932 066501**.

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The Independent Resident Adviser team appointed by the Resident Steering Group for the **Kingsbridge Estate** 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 or at **christine.newmill@btconnect.com**.

At their January 2020 meeting, the Kingsbridge Estate Resident Steering Group received an interim report on the joint survey that is being undertaken by New Mill and One Housing to find out from residents what they like and dislike about their current home.

The surveys will be completed by February and a full report will be considered at that month's meeting. The February meeting will also discuss appointing architects.

Over the coming year, 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.



## 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](http://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](http://www.4estatesforum.org.uk), or contact our Advisor, Mike Tyrrell at: **mike@4estatesforum.org.uk**.

## REPRESENTATIVES TO THE 4EF

If you wish to be considered to be one of the four 2020 Samuda Estate representatives to the 4 Estates Forum please email Mike Tyrrell at **mike@4estatesforum.org.uk** by 5pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Each of the representatives that are elected to the Forum has to give the following undertakings:

- to use their best endeavours at all times to act in the best interests of the Forum
- to undertake to attend the meetings of the Committee on a regular basis (currently once a month).
- as far as possible, take into account the views of the residents on the Barkantine, Kingsbridge, St Johns and Samuda Estates on the Isle of Dogs.
- to behave in a courteous manner with all other Members of the Committee, and professional advisers in person, in writing and through social media.

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