



ST JOHNS ESTATE April 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?

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

Since January’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 Steering Group for [Oak House](#) and [Alice Shepherd House](#) in Manchester Road, on the [St Johns Estate](#) have met at least once a month.

The Group are currently appointing Independent Resident Advisers to work with them as part of the process. In order to help the group work up some options for the future of their blocks, a survey is being undertaken to find out from residents what they like and dislike about their current home and surroundings. So far half of residents have been visited.

The Group have also asked OHG more than 50 questions about rents & other charges, rehousing options, removals, homeowners, financial transparency, like for like, design, ballots, compensation, parking, management, right to buy, and pets. The responses to these questions are essential because when options are drawn up for the future of these blocks over the coming year. If you have any further questions to suggest, please contact mike@4estatesforum.org.uk.



The Group have agreed to provide a monthly newsletter to residents of the blocks.

The residents on the [Kingsbridge Estate](#) appointed their Resident Steering Group at a meeting in March 2019. At their next meeting in April, the Group will start the process of agreeing a brief for an Independent Resident Adviser and start to discuss the survey that will undertaken on the estate.

The residents at [Kedge House](#), [Winch House](#) and [Starboard Way](#) in Tiller Road, on the [Barkantine Estate](#) have set up their Resident Steering Group.

The residents are very keen to draw up options for their blocks as soon as possible and therefore the survey of residents of the block is well underway with 77% of residents so far surveyed.

The Group has also sent their questions to OHG, like the Alice Shepherd & Oak House residents.

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 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 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.

What will the Resident Steering Groups be doing over the coming months?

The Resident Steering Groups will be advising, guiding and supervising the work of One Housing and its partners as they engage with local residents about any changes to their homes. Already, each Resident Steering Group has a slightly different approach to each other.

They will, over the coming months work with OHG to appoint Independent Resident Advisers and Architects. Following those appointments and the conclusion of the surveys that are currently being undertaken, options can be started to be drawn up for consultation with all residents concerned.

One of the crucial roles that the Resident Steering Group will undertake is making sure that as many residents as possible are involved in the consultation, through surveys, exhibitions, one to one interviews etc.



Get involved on St Johns

The Chair of the St Johns Tenants & Residents Association is Maggie Phillips. They meet monthly on the third Monday of each month (except August & December) at 7pm at the St John's Community Centre, Glengall Grove, Cubitt Town, London E14 3NE. If you would like to discuss any particular TRA issue, please do not hesitate to contact Maggie Phillips on 07910 416868.

The Chair of the St Johns Leaseholders Association is Jill Skeels. They meet monthly on the second Monday of each month at 7pm at the St John's Community Centre, Glengall Grove, Cubitt Town, London E14 3NE.

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.

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, or contact our Advisor, Mike Tyrrell at: mike@4estatesforum.org.uk.



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