



BARKANTINE ESTATE July 2019

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

What is happening in the three areas where consultation with residents is taking place?

One Housing Group are consulting with residents in three areas on the Island on the future of their homes. This is not simply about demolition and replacement with new homes. One Housing Group have repeated on a number of occasions that it will be residents who will decide what happens to their homes by developing a range of options.

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 April's newsletter, things have moved on in the three areas across the Island where the consultation with residents on the future of their homes is taking place. Each of the areas has appointed a Resident Steering Group which meet monthly and they all have a slightly different approach to each other.

The Residents Steering Group for [Oak House](#) and [Alice Shepherd House](#) in Manchester Road, on the [St Johns Estate](#) have appointed Lee Page from TPAS as their Independent Resident Adviser to work with them. Lee can be contacted at lee@LPAhousing.org.

In order to help the group work up some options for the future of their blocks, a survey has been undertaken to find out from residents what they like and dislike about their current home and surroundings. 79% of residents have responded.

The group will soon be considering how to appoint an architect to work with them on developing options for their blocks.

The Resident Steering Group at [Kedge House](#), [Winch House](#) and [Starboard Way](#) in Tiller Road, on the [Barkantine Estate](#) are very keen to draw up options for their blocks as soon as possible. They



have appointed Ray Coyle from Open Communities as their Independent Resident Adviser to work with them. Ray can be contacted at ray.coyle@opencommunities.org.

Their survey to find out from residents what they like and dislike about their current home and surroundings had an 83% response rate. This survey has now been published and is ready for them to start to work up options for their homes with their architects. This month the group will be choosing the architects that they want to work with.

At the end of June 2019, the Resident Steering Group on the [Kingsbridge Estate](#) appointed Christine Searle from Newmill as their Independent Resident Adviser to work with them. Christine can be contacted at christine.newmill@btinternet.com

The group at Kingsbridge have decided not to commence the survey to find out from residents what they like and dislike about their current home, until they can discuss this fully with the Independent Resident Advisors.

All 3 groups have asked OHG more than 60 questions about rents & other charges, rehousing options, removals, homeowners, financial transparency, like for like, design, ballots, compensation, parking, management, right to buy, and pets. These questions can be found on the 4 Estates Forum website; www.4estatesforum.org.uk.

What will the Resident Steering Groups be doing next?

The Resident Steering Groups are all moving at their own pace, so they will each be considering different matters.

Once a group have appointed their architects, they will work with them to develop options. This 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.

These options will then be consulted on with all the residents concerned. The Resident Steering Group will be making sure that as many residents as possible are involved in the consultation, through surveys, exhibitions, one to one interviews etc.

Get involved on Barkantine

The Barkantine Management Team TRA (BMT) represents OH residents' issues about our estate. It meets monthly and would really welcome any OH tenants or leaseholders that would like to come and help make the Barkantine a better place to live. Please get in touch if you'd like to know more.

We are always trying to raise the standards of cleaning and maintenance, but also have parking problems, recycling bins, concierges, lighting and residents' safety, and making the estate a more pleasant place on the agenda. You should be getting a quarterly newsletter from the BMT to tell you what we are up to on the estate.

TRAs need your support to make them effective, so please come and join and make a difference to your community. Contact Arthur, Ahmed, or Tracy at yourbmt@yahoo.co.uk



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. 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.



The role of the 4EF?

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

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