



January 2015

Special update: Hackney Council response regarding Imperial Wharf

Hackney Council will not be taking over Imperial Wharf Estate.

On 23 July 2014, a group of Imperial Wharf estate residents took a deputation to the Full Council meeting at Hackney Town Hall asking Hackney Council to consider taking ownership of the estate as part of Haringey Council's work to look at options around stock transfer. The deputation also asked Hackney Council to explore if it would be viable to invest in the Imperial Wharf estate to bring it up to a Decent Homes standard if a stock transfer is viable. You can see the deputation at www.homesforharingey.org/haveyoursay

Following this deputation, Haringey Council arranged to meet with Hackney Council to discuss how best they can work together to secure the best outcome for the residents of the Imperial Wharf estate. As Hackney Council is another local authority, a transfer would only go ahead with a 'yes' majority vote from residents and approval from central government. Both parties were willing to jointly approach central government regarding the best way forward.

At its December meeting the Imperial Wharf Resident Steering Group asked Haringey Council seek a response from Hackney Council to clarify its opinion on the stock transfer option.

Hackney Council informed Haringey Council on 9 January 2015 that it is not in a financial position to take transfer of the Imperial Wharf estate, but that it is keen to work effectively with Haringey Council on practical matters related to the estate, bearing in mind the location of the estate in the borough of Hackney. The full statement was provided to the Imperial Wharf Resident Steering Group on 14 January 2015 and is available at

www.homesforharingey.org/haveyoursay

Next steps

Imperial Wharf residents will be supported by their Independent Advisor, Newman Francis, who will **continue to explore stock transfer options with housing providers and redevelopment options** as outlined at the public meeting on 17 November 2014. At the initial public meeting in June 2014, the independent property experts Savills explained there are many housing providers who can deliver a stock transfer subject to tenant vote.

Newman Francis will work with residents to ensure they are fully engaged with the process, and can understand and influence any proposals that are developed.



working together





Your Resident Steering Group will continue to work on behalf of estate residents with Haringey Council and Newman Francis to ensure that any option – whether stock transfer, redevelopment or something else - is the best option for bringing investment into the Imperial Wharf estate.

For independent advice, please contact Newman Francis.

Imperial Wharf Resident Steering Group

There are now 11 residents on the Resident Steering Group and they meet on the second Tuesday of every month. They will be monitoring the Independent Advisor's contract with Haringey Council and Homes for Haringey to for ensure they are working effectively to support Imperial Wharf residents. Estate residents are able to put any issue forward to be raised at the Steering Group even if they are not a member. You can send a comment in writing seven working days before a meeting via any of the following:

- the Steering Group
- the Communities team on 020 8489 5321 or email myquestion@homesforharingey.org
- your Independent Advisors, Newman Francis



Newman Francis are your Independent Advisors for the Imperial Wharf estate

Newman Francis, your appointed Independent Advisor, are housing experts who will continue to provide you with clear, unbiased information about how a housing transfer or redevelopment options may affect you, your home and your rights.

Newman Francis can be contacted on 0800 644 6040 or 0208 536 1436 or email imperialwharf@newmanfrancis.org

They will be on the estate on Thursday 29 January from 2pm – 5pm in the gazebo on Craven Park grass area beside the bus stop.

New team member for the Communities Team



Michael Baker has joined the Communities Team replacing Tolu who has moved to another team. He will work with Lema to support residents to get to know their Independent Advisor and Steering Group

How to get in touch

If you have any queries or want to speak to a member of the Communities team contact us by emailing myquestion@homesforharingey.org. You can also call 020 8489 5321.

Keep up to date online at www.homesforharingey.org/haveyoursay

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