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Dear Resident/s,

Re: An update from the Regeneration Team

I hope you are feeling well and looking after yourselves at this difficult time. We are all adjusting to new ways of living and working at the moment, and I wanted to provide an update on the work of the Island Regeneration team, and share some information on how we intend to keep working over the coming weeks.

Starting the Conversation

As you know, over the past year, we have been talking to residents of the Kingsbridge Estate about the future of Michigan House, Montrose House and Montcalm House. So far, a Resident Steering Group has been formed and we have completed the 'Starting the Conversation' questionnaire with 66% of households on the estate.

Enclosed in this letter are the results of the 'Starting the Conversation' questionnaire. We hope that you can see your views represented in this booklet and gain an understanding of the views of your neighbours. Once architects have been appointed (more info on this below) we will share this information with them, so your views can be used to begin to create options for the future of Kingsbridge.

We want to offer tremendous thanks to all those who have taken part.

Next Steps

A group of residents from the Steering Group are currently working together with One Housing, New Mill (Independent Resident Advisors) and Mike Tyrrell (Resident Advocate) to interview and appoint an architect to work with the Kingsbridge estate to conduct an Options Appraisal process. During this process, many options will be looked at, typically these include; business as usual; the do nothing' option, refurbishment, partial re-development and full redevelopment. Once these options have been developed and assessed by the residents of Kingsbridge and One Housing, a preferred option will be decided upon. Depending upon which option is chosen, a resident's ballot may take place to decide if we should progress with that option.

Coronavirus

It is a challenging time for all of us right now and in light of Government advice regarding the coronavirus, the Island Regeneration Team have decided to pause all our face-to-face consultation and engagement work until at least the 27 April 2020. What this means for the Kingsbridge Estate, is that we will not be holding any more Steering Group meetings, door-knocking sessions or arranged one-to-one meetings for the time being.

It is important to say, that at worst, this is a postponement and not a cancellation of the conversations we are having with you all about the future of the Kingsbridge Estate. We will continue working hard to shortlist architects during this period. In mid-April we will re-assess the situation and we hope to resume face to face engagement shortly afterwards. As soon as possible, we will arrange an event for all residents on the estate to 'Meet the Architects' which will be an opportunity for you to share your views with the architects directly and shape the creation of the options.

In the meantime, we will be looking at other ways to share information with you and hear your views to continue the conversation. We are currently creating a website, we will be sending regular update letters/emails and we will also be in contact over the telephone.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to use the contact details at the end of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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