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Environmental work consultation

Firstly a big thank you to everyone that took the time to come along to one of our consultation fun days to have their say and let us know their views on our proposals. Thank you also to the many others who filled out a questionnaire and either sent it back to us, submitted it online or completed it with staff as part of our doorknocking exercise.

You certainly had a lot to tell us and we are delighted to have received comments, views and suggestions from so many of you.

If you were not able to come along you missed some great events! You can now view photographs taken at each of the events on the Island Homes section of the website at www.onehousinggroup.co.uk Take a look and you'll see how much fun everyone was having whilst also getting important information about the works that are proposed for their blocks and taking a look at the ideas we have for the open spaces around the Island.

We asked you to tell us what you think about issues such as dogs, seating and community gardening - all of which are relevant to residents across the four estates.



From your answers we found that nearly half of you felt there were problems with dog walking and some of you felt the estates should be a dog free zone. Of the 16% of you that own a dog, the vast majority said they would make use of a dedicated dog exercise area if it were available.

When it came to seating, there was general support for providing more of it, although there was some concern that more seating may encourage anti-social behaviour.

Whilst most of you were not particularly keen on the idea of a community garden scheme - given that a third of you have a garden and more than half of those living in the St Johns or Barkantine estates have balconies – there was enthusiasm from enough residents that the idea may still be viable.



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We asked residents on all four about their views on some ideas to bring local play areas up to date.



On **St Johns Estate** local residents were in favour of plans for a playground outside Alice Shepherd House, believing that it could be easily accessed by children and that it would make the area safer. Most also liked the idea of having more seating in the area and introducing cycle parking. There was also unanimous approval for plans to plant new trees.



Four out of five residents felt the plans for a new community garden in the area between Skeggs House and Thorne House were a good idea.



On the **Samuda Estate** more than 80% of you thought it would be a good idea to remodel the open space outside Dagmar court, removing the existing playground and installing mounds on the greens. Some of you called for more equipment for the play site, while others wanted to simply keep the green space.



More than 95% of you approved of our ideas for the Kelson Playground. Most of you were also keen to retain and improve the cycle track and to install seating in the playground.

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On the **Kingsbridge Estate**, three quarters of residents approved of our ideas for the play area but some of you felt that it should cater for 3-12 year olds rather than 3-16 year olds as we suggested. The vast majority of you liked the riverside theme.



Barkantine Estate

Almost everyone agreed that the suggestion to combine the two play areas near to Kedge House into a single park was a good idea, and in their comments, many praised the layout and bright colour scheme of the proposed site.

The majority also supported the idea of splitting the Seven Mills Park into two, with separate zones for elder and younger children, once again saying they liked the ideas especially the colour scheme.

Plans to remove two early years playgrounds, by Spinnaker House and Knighthead Point, proved the most contentious part of the plan, however they were supported by the majority of you.

The idea to redevelop the playground next to Topmast Point and make it

more suitable for children aged seven and above was almost unanimously supported although the 'street' theme for the park was less enthusiastically received.

However most of you agreed with plans for a pathway link to the ball court, indicating that it would provide children with safe routes to other play areas.



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Feedback report

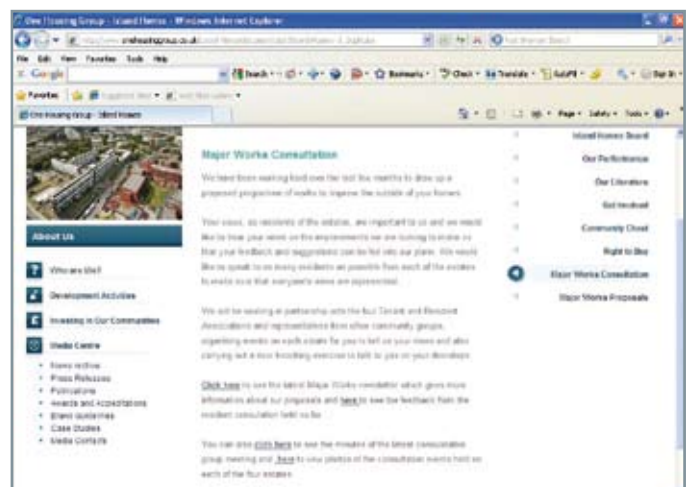
A copy of the feedback report from our consultation events is available for residents to view at the Millwall office as well as on the Island Homes section of the website at www.onehousinggroup.co.uk, just click on Island Homes on the link on the right hand side of the homepage and then Major Works.

We are still consulting with the TRAs and other resident and community groups and will shortly be incorporating all of your feedback into our designs in preparation for any planning application submissions that may be required.

Programme

We are still on target to start on site on the 19th October and Mulalley Construction has now been selected as the contractor to carry out the works. They will shortly be taking over the consultation from Your Shout and will be carrying out block by block consultations with you. The Lead Resident Liaison Officer is **Jane Davis**, you can contact her on her mobile phone on **07825 040352** or email her on rlo@mulalley.co.uk

The programme of work will soon be available at the Millwall office should you wish to see it, or alternatively please see our website.



Many thanks again for your support at the consultation events and we hope you enjoy the rest of the summer!