18 February 2025

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Dear [Resident’s Name],

**Important update on the future of Bevin Court and the Four Courts**

We’re writing to share some important news about the future of Bevin Court and how it will impact you.

We know you’ve been affected by a number of issues at Bevin Court over the last few years. We recognise the Four Courts buildings are becoming outdated and don’t meet today’s design and accessibility requirements. Even with significant investment, the existing structures would still fall short of providing fully accessible, and future-proofed homes.

**So after careful consideration and listening to your feedback, we’ve made the decision to redevelop Bevin Court, the three other Four Courts blocks and the surrounding facilities. We’ll be replacing all four blocks with new, high-quality social homes that better serve the needs of current and future residents. This means you need to move home.**

We’ll start the process of helping you move to a suitable, alternative, social housing home that meets your needs. Our team will arrange to meet you and working closely with you, run through all the options. We plan to support you and your neighbours within Bevin Court to move out by March 2026.

We know this news is likely to come as a shock to you, but we want to reassure you we’re here to support you every step of the way. We also know there’s a strong sense of community at the Four Courts and together we’ll ensure you’re able to move to a new home that’s in the local area, if you wish, and close to your support network.

**To help you through this process, we’ll:**

* Cover all moving costs, so you don’t need to worry about expenses
* Provide a home loss payment of £8,100 to help you settle into your new home
* Appoint a dedicated resettlement officer who’ll work closely with you to understand your needs and preferences
* Take into account your preferred location when looking for your new home.

Our priority is to ensure your move is as smooth and stress-free as possible for you.

**Presentation and drop-in session – Tuesday 18 February**

We understand you’ll have a lot of questions about these proposals, so we’d like to invite you to attend a presentation and drop-in session **this evening from 4pm to 6pm in the Bevin Court communal lounge.**

At the presentation and drop-in session we’ll have colleagues on hand from our housing, redevelopment and resettlement teams. They’ll be able to share further details and start to answer some of the questions you may have.

If you’re unable to make this session, please don’t worry. You can drop-in and see our team throughout the rest of this week in the **Bevin Court communal lounge between 10am and 4pm each day (Wednesday to Friday**).

 **A personal meeting for you**

Over the coming weeks, we’ll also arrange a private meeting for you, so you can ask questions and discuss your needs.

We know that Bevin Court may have been home to you for a number of years, and we’re committed to supporting you every step of the way.

Your dedicated resettlement officer will support, advise and guide you throughout the process, from their first discussion with you until you move to your new home.

 **More information**
Our colleagues will be onsite at the Four Courts over the coming days to support you and answer your questions. Please find enclosed with this letter a booklet that explains:

* More about the proposals for the Four Courts and the future redevelopment
* A set of frequently asked questions to answer the queries you may have at this stage
* Some examples of the independent living homes that may be available for you to move to
* A timeline for this process
* Contact information for further questions.

 **Ensuring your safety**

Our number one priority is keeping you safe in your home. All existing fire safety systems will stay in place within your block. Regular fire risk assessments will continue for as long as Bevin Court is occupied.

The waking watch stays in place within Bevin Court until we’re able to change the evacuation strategy back to ‘stay put’. You’ll continue to see them patrolling the building at regular intervals.

If you or anyone within your home is likely to need assistance in evacuating the building in case of a fire, please call us on 0800 121 60 60 or email firesafety.risk@southernhousing.org.uk, so we can understand what support you may need.

**Have your say**

We’ll be holding engagement sessions in the coming months to gather input from residents and other stakeholders and shape the future plans for the site. We’ll share more information on these events in due course.

There is a great deal of work involved in delivering a project of this size. The site is big enough to provide more social housing than the number of homes currently provided by the Four Courts. We’ve a project team in place led by myself (Lis Rodrigues, Director of Regeneration at Southern Housing). Other members of the project team will make themselves known to you over the next few weeks and months so you can discuss the future plans.

If you’ve any further questions and wish to talk to somebody from Southern Housing, we’ve set up a dedicated email account:

four.courts@southernhousing.org.uk

Alternatively, you can call 0800 121 60 60 and ask to speak to a member of the local team. We’ll then arrange for someone to get back to you. We’ve also set up a dedicated web page, which will include updated information: [www.southernhousing.org.uk/fourcourts](http://www.southernhousing.org.uk/fourcourts)

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work together.

Yours sincerely,



Lis Rodrigues
Director of Regeneration
Southern Housing