

FOUR COURTS NEWSLETTER

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We'll continue to share regular updates with everyone across all four blocks about the regeneration of the Four Courts. Remember, we're here to help if you've any questions or need support.

TALK TO THE REGENERATION TEAM

We'll always speak to you first with any updates or news. If you'd like accurate information, please always come and talk to us.

The Regeneration Team will be at Kennedy Court on the first Tuesday of every month. This month's session will be on Tuesday 3 March, from 11am to 3pm.

You're welcome to drop in at any time to ask questions, share concerns or find out more.



CHURCHILL COURT ENTRANCE DOOR

The entrance door at Churchill Court is now fixed and working properly.

If you notice something is out of service or develops a fault, please let us know straight away. The quickest and easiest way to report this is through your Online Account. For emergency repairs, please always call us on 0300 303 1066



BEVIN COURT LATEST FIGURES

There are
96
homes in
Bevin Court

61
residents
have moved
out

9
moves
are in
progress

WANT TO HELP SHAPE BUILDING SAFETY IN YOUR BLOCK?

We've updated our Building Safety Resident Engagement Strategy, which explains how we'll involve residents living in our taller buildings in important building safety decisions.

Find out more at www.southernhousing.org.uk/bsres or scan the QR code.



PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

We want to ensure the estate remains clean, well maintained and welcoming for everyone.

We ask all dog owners to avoid letting their dog urinate against the building walls, as it can cause staining and adds extra work for our Cleaning Team.

Please take your dog away to a suitable area away from the buildings. Thank you for your understanding.



HOW THE RESIDENT STEERING GROUP HELPED CHOOSE THE ARCHITECTS

Members of the Four Courts Steering Group were part of the selection process, and they'll continue working closely with us and the design team as the plans develop. The masterplan will show what one of the largest regeneration projects in Hastings will look like and how it will deliver modern, accessible homes that meet the needs of current and future residents.

To make the appointment fair and transparent, we used compliant procurement frameworks and set clear briefs, scopes and scoring criteria so bidders understood what matters to residents and Southern Housing.

The Steering Group helped shape this process by agreeing a key tender question focused on resident engagement and reviewing how bidders' answers were scored. They also challenged the project team and asked for clearer explanations where needed.

Here's what the steering group members said about being involved:

"From start to finish Southern Housing have been very transparent, so we're on the same page about who'll be working on the project."

"I am happy with how we were involved in the procurement process. We were able to challenge Southern Housing on some information and asked for more details, which were provided."

"The tendering process was points based, and the panel was able to give Southern Housing helpful suggestions to improve the method."

"It was a useful experience to be included in the procurement process and understand how these things work."

REGENERATION TAKES BIG STEP FORWARD

We've appointed Bell Phillips Architects, working with KPK Studios, to help design the new homes and outside spaces at Four Courts. The Four Courts Steering Group (FCSG), which represents all residents, helped us choose them. This means residents are shaping the plans from the very start.

We've also appointed Lichfields as our planning consultant and Martin Arnold as the Employer's Agent. Work is now beginning on the masterplan, which will show what the new homes and estate could look like.

Throughout the year, we'll invite you to events and sessions so you can share your views. The FCSG will continue working closely with us to make sure residents' priorities guide the proposals, and this appointment has also been welcomed locally.

Helena Dollimore MP said the regeneration is "an important step towards delivering the homes that residents deserve" and highlighted wider benefits such as new jobs, skills and training opportunities for people in the area.

Cllr Glenn Haffenden, Leader of Hastings Borough Council, said improving social housing is a key council priority. He described the proposals as "replacing the existing blocks with a greater number of social rented homes that are modern and offer a higher standard of home" and explained that over £100 million will be invested in Hollington, making this the biggest investment in Hastings for a generation.

"Members bring their own skills and experience to the meetings and are not afraid to challenge Southern Housing. I believe we can bring the redevelopment to a desirable conclusion for the area and those who will live here."

MYTH BUSTING

This section sets out the facts about the regeneration and addresses some of the rumours which have been brought to our attention.

“The new homes could be built on stilts on the car park and residents moved back after refurbishments”

The suggestion to build prefabricated homes on the Four Courts car park wouldn't meet local housing local housing need, and unlikely to meet the strict design and quality standards. It would also mean the loss of parking spaces that many residents rely on, including neighbours who need a car because of restricted mobility.

The existing blocks were designed in the 1960s and don't meet modern mobility standards. The layout and physical constraints of the buildings limit what can realistically be achieved through refurbishment, and the homes would still fall short of the standard residents expect. Comprehensive work to the existing layouts would compromise the integrity of the buildings compartmentation for building safety.

All current homes at the Four Courts are one or two bedroom flats. Regeneration gives us the opportunity to replace these outdated blocks with a mix of houses and flats ranging from one to four bedrooms, better meeting the needs of residents now and in the future.

“You say all new homes on the Four Courts site will be social housing? Does this mean they will all be for rent at social rents? Or could they be ‘affordable’ rents, capped rents, or for sale as shared ownership instead?”

All new homes will be for social rent, reinforcing our dedication to providing affordable and sustainable homes for local people.

“Southern Housing has now opened the Four Courts Steering Group to all residents”

This isn't true. The steering group has always been open to all Four Courts residents to join. It brings residents together to share views, challenge us and advocate for their neighbours.

The group represents the interests of Four Courts residents and is made up of people living in the blocks. It already gives residents a strong voice throughout the regeneration project.

If you'd like more information about joining the group, you can email four.courts@southernhousing.org.uk or call **0300 303 1066** and ask to speak to the Four Courts Team. If you live in Bevin Court or Roosevelt Court, you can also let your Scheme Housing Officer know.

If you'd like to talk about anything in more detail, you're always welcome to come along to the monthly drop-in sessions at Kennedy Court on the first Tuesday of each month, 11am to 3pm.



GETTING IN TOUCH

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Do you have any questions? Please contact us if you've any concerns. We're here to support you.

There are a number of ways you can reach us:

- 📞 Please call us on **0300 303 1066** and ask to speak to one of the Four Courts Team
- ✉ We've a dedicated email address **four.courts@southernhousing.org.uk**
- 🌐 We've set up a web page where we'll be providing all the updates: **www.southernhousing.org.uk/fourcourts**



Scan the QR code to visit the web page.

STEERING GROUP SURVEY UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who completed the Four Courts Steering Group survey. Your responses help the Steering Group understand how residents want to be represented. We're now contacting everyone who said they are interested in joining or asked for more information.

If you'd like to know how to get involved, please come along to one of our monthly drop in sessions at Kennedy Court on the first Tuesday of every month. You can also email us at **four.courts@southernhousing.org.uk** or call **0300 303 1066** and ask to speak to a member of the Four Courts Team.



HAVE
YOUR
SAY

FOUR COURTS WHATSAPP CHANNEL

We have a Four Courts WhatsApp Channel that you can follow to receive updates and important news about the regeneration straight to your mobile phone.

HOW TO JOIN

1. Open the camera on your mobile phone
2. Hold it over the QR code
3. Tap the link that appears on your screen
4. Select 'Follow channel'.

Just visit **southernhousing.org.uk/4CWA** or scan the QR code.

This is a broadcast-only channel. You won't be able to reply, and other residents won't see your number or personal details. Only Southern Housing can post updates, so the information you receive is clear and accurate.

