



# Canalside News

Metropolitan Housing Trust and Community Housing Association working together

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## IT'S YES!

**After a tense period of waiting and uncertainty for residents, we can now tell you the good news that Hackney and Canalside have been successful in securing £13.2 million towards the improvement of your estates. The Government gave a positive response to the bid for money through the Estates Renewal Challenge Fund (ERCF). For those blocks that are included in the bid area it now means that it is full steam ahead for Canalside and Hackney to work up definite proposals for your estates. Tenants will vote on these proposals to decide whether to transfer from the Council to the Canalside Housing Partnership, later this year.**

### Who is in the ERCF bid?

The proposal that was submitted to the government included the following parts of your estates:  
Whitmore Estate, except Whitmore House, 37-78 Bryant Court on Kingsland Estate, 166-200 Haggerston Rd, Benfleet Court, Orme House, Longman House, Clemson House and Belford House on Haggerston Estate.

**What is proposed for these blocks?** The proposal is that most blocks are to be improved, but that some should be pulled down and new homes built instead. The blocks that Canalside think should be pulled down are; Fletcher House, Longbow and Crossbow Houses, 21-26 Horner House, 21-28 Stringer House, 25-34

Tiller House on Whitmore Estate and 166-200 Haggerston Rd.

### What happens next?

Canalside will be consulting with you on the detailed proposals over the next few months. We will be organising block meetings in the next couple of months on your estate. We will let you know nearer the time, on what date a meeting for your block will be held.

If you are in the bid area, you will be able to vote on the proposals in about October 1998. If a majority of secure tenants vote yes to Canalside, your estates will transfer in early next year, before March 1999.



What if my home is not in the bid area? Canalside will be working with Hackney and residents over the next few months to draw up a proposal for the blocks not in the bid area. It is hoped that any solution will run to the same timescale as the ERCF bid.

Canalside will be sending you regular newsletters giving you updates on the proposals, events that are planned and policies for the future management of your estate, that are being negotiated with residents.

*If you have any queries about the new bid, you can come in to the information centre, Mon-Fri 2pm-5pm or call us on 0171 254 7073. Or, we can arrange to visit you at home at a convenient time.*

You can contact any of the team at Canalside:

<b>Robin Hawkes</b>	Estate Regeneration Manager
<b>Tim Goodwin</b>	Project Manager
<b>Sue Gibson</b>	Housing Manager
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**Canalside Housing Partnership** is two Housing Associations, Community Housing Association and Metropolitan Housing Trust, working together, with Hackney Council to regenerate your estates. We were selected by Hackney Council and residents to develop proposals with you to improve your estates as part of the Estate Regeneration Strategy. Hackney Council launched this strategy as a way of funding a repairs, modernisation and improvements programme for your estates. Secure tenants and leaseholders will have the opportunity to vote on the proposals to transfer to Canalside Housing Partnership. Before the vote takes place you will be given a detailed proposal setting out the works proposed, your rights on transfer and the rents and charges that you will pay.

### **An Independent View!**

You can get independent advice on the proposals from the Tenants Friend, Neal Purvis. Neal can be contacted on

**FREEPHONE: 0500 291 999**

**YOU CAN ALSO GET ADVICE ON THE PROPOSALS FROM HACKNEY COUNCIL. YOU CAN CONTACT THEM ON:**

**FREEPHONE 0800 253 593**