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# Canalside News

Metropolitan Housing Trust and Community Housing Association working together

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## 10 more reasons to vote YES!

This newsletter is issued by Canalside Housing Partnership working with Hackney Council to improve your estates

Very soon you will be asked to vote on whether you want the estate to transfer to MHT and CHA working together as Canalside. This newsletter sets out 10 more reasons why we think you should vote YES and there are plenty more!

**If the vote is YES, Canalside will carry out the proposals for your estate. We will deliver the promises. Guaranteed.**

### 1 Guaranteed improvements.

- Canalside will carry out £42.5 million of improvements to your estate.

### 2 Local Jobs

- There will be more money, if the vote is yes, for the regeneration of your estate, which will provide jobs and training opportunities for local people.

### 3 Resident Caretakers

- There will be resident caretakers on your estate to keep the place looking good and to carry out small repairs.

### 4 Your choice

- You will be able to choose some of the improvements to your refurbished or new home, such as the kitchen colour scheme and units, kitchen and bathroom tile colours and front door colours.

### 5 Better Repairs Service

- Canalside will provide an improved, efficient and reliable repairs service.
- Canalside will improve the supervision and checking of works to make sure that you are satisfied with the work done.



## **6 Tough Action**

- Canalside will be tough on nuisance and tenants who make life miserable for their neighbours.

## **7 More opportunities to move**

- You will have more opportunities to be rehoused if you wish to move from your home, around the estate and to another area.

## **8 Listening to your views**

- You will be able to elect residents who will manage the estate through the Canalside Community Board.
- All residents will be consulted on matters that affect them.

## **9 Empty homes let fast**

- Canalside will let empty homes quickly. We will aim to have homes ready to be relet within 2 weeks.
- The caretaker will carry out daily checks to stop empty homes being squatted.

## **10 Local office on the estate**

- Staff at the Canalside local office will keep to a service charter to offer you an efficient and professional service.
- Our staff will spend much of their time on the estate visiting properties and resolving problems.

**Remember: A YES vote will that your home and estate are improved. You will have a democratic future with residents playing a leading role in the running of the estate.**

**Vote YES! for a better future and a better home.  
Vote YES! to Canalside.**

SPEAK DIRECTLY TO CANALSIDE ON FREEPHONE 0800 985 0005.

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**A NO vote will mean NO IMPROVEMENTS and NO CHANGE.  
Remember - get the facts! Don't rely on rumour.**