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Dear

Sheerwater Regeneration Scheme: Secure Council Tenant consultation feedback

On 6 December 2017, The Halo Works, on behalf of Woking Borough Council, wrote to you asking for your views on the proposal to offer Secure Council Tenants who take up residency in one of the new homes within the Sheerwater Regeneration Scheme area a different type of tenancy agreement called an Assured Shorthold Tenancy. We also asked your views on the length of tenancy, rent levels and proposals to replace the Right to Buy with a cash incentive scheme to help you buy a home in the future.

We would like to thank you for your feedback which formed part of a report that was presented to Council during its meeting on Thursday 5 April 2018.

The questionnaire was sent to 360 secure tenants. We received 125 responses, representing a 35% response rate. A summary of the results from the consultation are outlined below.

- Seven out of 10 tenants said they understood how their tenancy was going to change.
- From the list of options provided, 72% supported a fixed tenancy period of 10 years.
- 45% of tenants agreed that if the proposed new rent levels were similar to the ones already in place at Kingsmoor Park, they would be fair and reasonable for a new property in Woking. A further 31% disagreed whilst almost a quarter 24% responded 'don't know'.
- On the proposal to increase rental levels by CPI + 1%, 37% agreed this level of increase would be fair and reasonable for a new property in Woking, whilst 36% disagreed. A further 27% responded 'don't know'.
- 29% believed the Earn Your Deposit Scheme (EDS) could be a good idea for them and their household, whilst 29% also disagreed. A further 42% responded 'don't know'.
- 37% thought the EDS would be a good idea for other tenants within the regeneration area, whilst only 13% disagreed and 50% responded "don't know".

I also enclose a copy of The Halo Works report and an extract from the Council report which provides further details of the responses received.

The meeting (Thursday 5 April 2018) can be viewed online by visiting www.woking.gov.uk/webcast

Finally, I would like to thank you once again for your valuable feedback. As we move forward with the scheme, all feedback will be taken into account to ensure we can together build an environment in which people and communities can thrive.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Kemp', written in a cursive style.

Cllr Colin Kemp
Portfolio Holder for Housing