



Press release

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Tenants get guarantee of home

Tenants facing an uncertain future on Grimsby's Yarborough estate have been guaranteed a home when it is rebuilt - or cash to leave.

Those behind the multi-million pound phased redevelopment announced the commitment today. Residents have welcomed the news.

Murray Macdonald, director of Neighbourhood Services at social landlord Shoreline, said the announcement came following extensive talks with tenants.

"The residents' wishes have always been our number one priority," he said. "The majority had said they wanted to remain on the estate during and after this eight-year rebuild.

"We can announce today those tenants have a guaranteed place when it is complete providing they have not breached their tenancy agreements."

But for those wishing to leave, he announced compensation payments of £4,500 per qualifying household, with a switch to another Shoreline property elsewhere in the borough.

Mr Macdonald said: "We appreciate not everyone will want to live through what will be a disruptive period as homes are demolished and replaced.

"We hope residents agree the compensation offer gives them a viable alternative, should they wish to move to another Shoreline property."

Brendan Blythe, from developers Stamford Homes, said: "These are exciting times for the Yarborough estate. This kind and scale of urban regeneration is one of the largest of its kind in the country and will provide a much needed boost to the local economy.

"We are working closely with the community, Shoreline and North East Lincolnshire Council to submit a planning application during the summer."

More details will be announced at a residents' meeting at Yarborough Resource Centre on Central Parade tomorrow (Wednesday) night between 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

Chair of the Yarborough Tenants' and Residents' Association Roberta Lightfoot said the announcement was what residents had been hoping for.

"This will allay a lot of peoples' fears," she said. "Shoreline has delivered on what it said it would do."

The 52-year-old, of Central Parade, was looking forward to having a new home when the estate is rebuilt.

“I’ve been here since 1963 when the estate was new. It will be great experience to have a new home on the new-look estate.”

Michelle Buley (29), of Conway Avenue, also welcomed the news.

“With a young family we just wanted to know. We did not want to move off the estate and people like ourselves will be happy with the guarantee.”



Murray Macdonald, Director of Neighbourhood Services, pictured with members of the Yarborough Tenants' and Residents' Association (from left) Michelle Buley, Brian Taylor, Roberta Lightfoot, Janice Marfleet, Les Bonner and Eileen Curry.