

### YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## DEVONPORT

## WHERE YOU LIVE – WE WANT YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD TO BE A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE.

This is your neighbourhood plan for 2023/2024. We've put it together with your help to explain the main issues affecting your area and what needs to be done to make it a better place to live.

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### YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD INCLUDES:

Albany Street, Durrant Close, Granby Court, Granby Street, Granby Way, Helen Fox House, Keyes Close, Knowland Close, Lofoten Close, Marlborough House, Morice Street, Ordnance Street, Park Avenue, Queen Street, Porteous Close.

# HERE'S WHAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR

#### **OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS WE HAVE..**



Installed extra CCTV in Granby Street, improving security and helping identify issues with fly-tipping.



Kept New Home New You available to all new tenants, promoting and encouraging healthier lifestyles over the last 12 months.



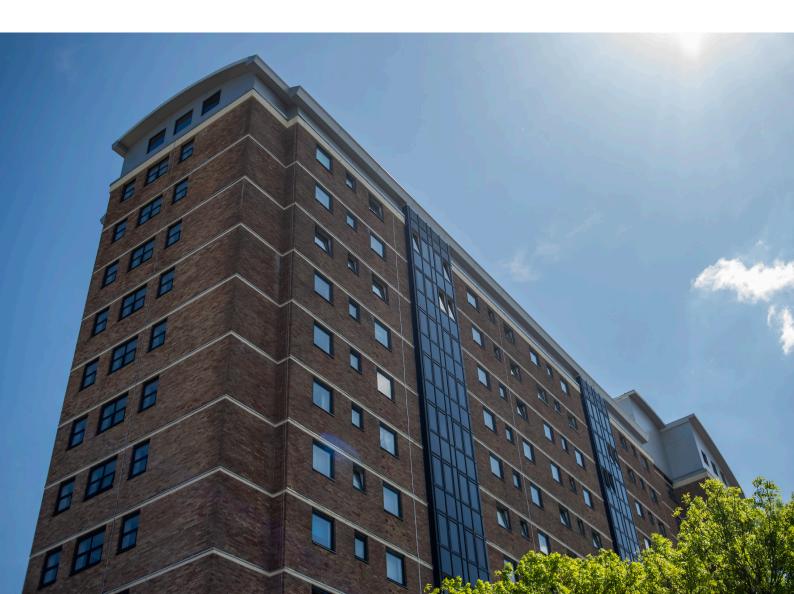
Added additional CCTV to Marlborough House and commissioned a nightly security check on a sporadic basis.



Worked closely with local Police to tackle and prevent anti-social behaviour.



Improved convenience and accessibility for residents, installing complimentary bike storage facilities at Granby Street.



# THOUGHTS ON YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



Over the last 12 months the local housing team has been asking people in your neighbourhood about the area, what problems there are and about priorities for the future. Below are the specific issues raised and other information about the neighbourhood:

#### WHAT YOU TOLD US

- Devonport has a strong sense of community where locals are welcoming and friendly.
- Devonport is a great place to live, with good transport links, local facilities, and outdoor spaces and parks.
- PCH Rangers are very good at keeping the area clean and tidy.
- Parking is an issue, some residents would like permit parking introduced in our car parks.
- An increased Police presence is needed and the issue with drug and alcohol related anti-social behaviour in the area needs tackling.
- An increase in safe outdoor areas for residents and their children to use.

#### WHAT WE SAW TOGETHER

- Outdoor communal spaces could be improved, creating a safer place for children, especially young children, and residents.
- We have noticed that communal areas of our blocks are frequently affected by fly-tipping.
- Collaboration with other agencies such as Plymouth City Council and the Police is essential to address anti-social behaviour and enhance outdoor spaces.

#### **OUR PRESENCE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD**

A summer event is being planned for Granby Street during the summer holidays, although the date has yet to be confirmed. The event will be a fun-filled day with a variety of activities for children.

Marlborough House will be hosting its usual Tea and Toast events, as well as occasional supper clubs.

# WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

## REDUCE INCIDENTS OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, ESPECIALLY AROUND STREET DRINKING AND DRUG USE.

**Why?** To make the area a safer and nicer place to live.

When? 2023-2024

**How?** Work in partnership with the Police and Plymouth City Council.

#### **REDUCE FLY-TIPPING**

**Why?** Keep communal areas safe and reduce our costs.

**How?** Identify offenders using CCTV where available and recharge for the costs involved in its

removal, whilst working with Plymouth City Council to tackle offenders.

When? Ongoing.

#### **IMPROVE PARKING**

**Why?** Lack of parking and non-residents using our car parks.

When? 2023-2024

**How?** Consider introducing permit parking.

## COMMUNAL OUTDOOR SPACES IN GRANBY STREET/LOFOTEN CLOSE AND MARLBOROUGH HOUSE.

**Why?** To make our Communal Outdoor spaces a safer space for young children and residents to use.

**How?** Consult with residents to see what is needed.

When? 2023-2024

#### IMPROVE SECURITY TO MARLBOROUGH HOUSE

**Why?** The current doors are not robust enough to cope with the weather and the volume of traffic that enters the block on a daily basis.

**When?** 2024 as part of the major works planned for the block.

**How?** By looking at alternative solutions to the entrances.



### **SUMMARY**

Residents said they feel safe and secure in Devonport, thanks to the strong sense of community that exists there. The people are friendly and welcoming, which makes it easy to feel at home. The local services, including shops and transport links, are good, and the parks and green spaces are well-maintained. However,

there are some concerns about parking, with many residents wanting to see improvements and permit parking considered. Unfortunately, there have been some issues with anti-social behaviour related to drinking and drug use. Residents are hoping for more police presence to help tackle these problems.