

20th January 2017

Dear Resident,

## **RE: Remediation of the former Visteon site**

We are writing to you to update you on progress relating to the regeneration and remediation of the former Visteon site.

As you may be aware, planning permission was granted in January 2016 on the former Visteon site for the development of 244 new homes, employment space, play spaces and community facilities.

Fold Housing Association takes its environmental and social responsibilities extremely seriously and all works undertaken on the Visteon site have been carried out to best practice industry standards and in full consultation with all relevant statutory bodies including Belfast City Council, Northern Ireland Environment Agency and Health and Safety Executive. Over the past two years, we have progressed with the initial remediation of the site which included the removal of the unsafe derelict buildings, as well as all the high risk asbestos material that was contained within the former factory.

Fold has invested significant time and money to regenerate this site in a safe, sustainable and responsible manner. To date we have invested approximately £2.5million to ensure the highest standard of remediation work takes place on site and we will continue to do this during the development process, including full and continual monitoring of the works to ensure full adherence to approved specifications and procedures.

The site has now been classed as 'low risk' following the initial remediation works and follow up investigations and testing. Our consultants, White Young Green (WYG) are satisfied the site does not pose a risk to people working on it or living close to it. We have and will continue to mitigate and monitor environmental risks to future residents, construction workers and adjacent residents. All findings have been documented in a proposed remediation strategy, which has been submitted to Belfast City Council Planning Department and is under review by the Northern Ireland Environmental Agency (NIEA) and Belfast City Council Environmental Health Department for their acceptance and approval.

\*Calls may be recorded for training purposes

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Fold has successfully remediated brownfield sites like Visteon elsewhere in Northern Ireland. We have the experience in carrying out risk assessments and managing these in line with the requirements of local councils, the Northern Ireland Environmental Agency and the Safety Executive of Northern Ireland.

All work to date and that which is proposed will, at each stage, continue be subject to the approval of Belfast City Council and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA). This work will be carried out by highly experienced, certified and qualified professionals.

We want to assure local residents and business owners that the proposed remediation strategies are robust, have been successfully used throughout the UK and compliant with legislative and statutory requirements. In the interest of providing further assurance to the local community, we are hosting two drop in events, with our consultants in attendance, so that we can respond to specific questions, queries or concerns that you may have.

The details of the event are below:

**Venue: Balmoral Hotel, Blacks Road, Belfast**  
**Thursday 26th January 2017 between 6pm - 8pm**  
**Friday 27th January 2017 between 3pm – 5pm**

If you are unable to attend but seek further information please visit our website [www.foldvisteonregeneration.com](http://www.foldvisteonregeneration.com), or alternatively email us on [regeneration@foldgroup.co.uk](mailto:regeneration@foldgroup.co.uk) or telephone 02890394553, and we guarantee to respond within 48 hours during the working week.

Yours sincerely



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