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Review of the Fairstead Community Agreement

Residents of Fairstead are being encouraged to get involved with the Fairstead Community Agreement. The groundbreaking agreement, which was signed in July and is one of only 12 neighbourhood charter pilot schemes in the country, sets out a series of targets to tackle local environmental issues on the estate.

These targets have been agreed by local residents and services providers via a series of group sessions and public consultations. The Improving Neighbourhoods team are keen that residents get involved in monitoring progress of the agreement. A meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 19th November from 9.30am to 11am at Fairstead Community Centre where residents from the estate will be able to sit down with relevant service providers to review progress and to provide feedback on what's working well and where improvements might be needed in order to achieve the targets.

Wally Glynn, Fairstead Area Neighbourhood Group, explained: "The Community Agreement is working well so far, especially the Borough Council clean-up team who have been working really hard on the estate. I hope as many people as possible will come along to this session and get involved, we all need to work hard to make the Fairstead Community Agreement successful."

Carl Suckling, Deputy Neighbourhood Manager, added: "Community involvement in this agreement is essential. Local residents know best what the issues are and what's working well – as service providers we need that feedback to make sure we are focusing on the right things. We also need to know how residents can help with our efforts – whether that's through reporting issues such as graffiti or getting involved with planting or

clean-up schemes. We've seen a real positive impact in Fairstead and we want to make sure we continue to build on that."

Robert Clarke, Assistant Director of Housing from Freebridge Community Housing, commented: "Freebridge are positive about how the agreement is working in these early stages. We are working closely with our partners to tackle the problems of fly tipping, litter and safety which are highlighted in the Agreement. The long term aim must be to improve the neighbourhood with sustainable initiatives and improve the quality of life for those who live in the area."

The event will be attended by representatives from the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk, Highways, Police and Freebridge Community Housing. People are being asked to confirm their attendance for refreshment purposes, contact Sue Payne, Neighbourhood Partnership Officer on 01553 616554.

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