

KHRA Newsletter

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Time to Say No More!

With KHML questions unanswered, no sign of a 2010 budget or invoice, KHRA engages legal counsel

The next invoice from RMG sent on behalf of Kennet Heath Management Limited (KHML) is due. Despite numerous requests from Kennet Heath Residents Association (KHRA), no indications of the amount to be charged to Kennet Heath residents have been provided by the companies or the developers, nor has any budget for 2010 been communicated.

With only one more house to be sold on the estate before the 28-day transfer period of KHML from the incumbent directors to resident commences, it is imperative that we take action now.

As a regular reader of the Kennet Heath Residents Association (KHRA) Newsletter, you will be aware that the facilities management subgroup has been actively engaged in investigating KHML and RMG activities. RMG – previously known as CPM – are the services company appointed by KHML to conduct work associated with the acoustic barrier and bund. Despite over 12 months of significant effort, little meaningful dialogue has occurred, and a large number of questions remain unanswered. This is a continuous trend from KHML, the developers and RMG to avoid or delay active engagement with members of the company and residents of Kennet Heath.

At this time, KHRA believes it is time to say no more! A resident on our estate and a retired barrister formally employed by the Department of Trade and Industries has offered pro bono legal advice in this matter. Whilst there are no guarantees, armed with the correct legal advice we can work together with all interested residents on the estate to resolve the current untenable situation.

The first step is to hold an Informal residents' meeting at 1pm on 20 March at the Moorside Community Centre. This meeting will identify volunteers to stand as resident directors following handover, and provide these volunteers with an effective mandate from the estate. This will allow us to move forward quickly following the handover and determine the KHML status. We will also communicate our strategy for effective control of KHML in the event that the current directors fail to undertake a timely handover, identify actions needed for engaging contractors and look at the financial arrangements and obligations.

A number of Kennet Heath residents have volunteered to be a director of the company. This does not exclude other residents from putting themselves forward for director roles or to assist in other ways.

If you can help, or require information on what this involves, please send an email to residentsassociation@kennetheath.co.uk or drop in a note to KHRA via the Moorside Community Centre.

It is important to note that whilst holding this informal meeting is a vital step for members, it will have no legal or statutory significance.

What can I do?

Consider if you wish to be a resident director – if so please contact us.

Attend the informal meeting on the 20 March at 1pm

Provide your contact details – address and email address

These details are needed to provide quick information to all KHML members on developments and the ability to call an Annual General Meeting should the current directors fail to do so within 28 days of the last home sale on the estate.

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Kennet Heath Residents' Association (KHRA) was founded in August 2008, by a number of residents coming together with common objectives.

The KHRA exists today in order to support all residents in the challenges that they face, to enhance community cohesion and to foster positive community spirit among all residents.

A committee structure has been put in place, along with a signed constitution, to create an organisation with the influence to act on behalf of the residents, presenting a single voice for the community.

If you would like to take part in the KHRA, contact us at the address to the left.

If you would like an article published in a future edition of the KHRA Newsletter, or indeed if you would like to advertise, please send an email to Newsletter@kennetheath.co.uk

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Chairman's Note

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the KHRA sub group for all of their hard work in pursuing the KMHL/CPM/RMG story.

It's been an often thankless task with many hours put into researching similar management company scenarios, similar housing developments and likely outcomes.

It's taken a great deal of time and perseverance from everyone in the team and although much of it is behind the scenes, it is of great importance for the future of the sound barrier... And more importantly, our pockets!

Please do come along to the public meeting to find out more, volunteer to help if you can, perhaps even volunteer

to stand as a resident director of KHML.

KHRA is a committee of people trying to do the best for our fellow residents on the Kennet Heath estate, we would welcome any input and support from people living on the estate.

Only through teamwork and community can we work together to show companies like RMG that we are not a cash cow that they can continue to milk!

Thanks again to Kelly, Zoe, Ann, Steve, David and the many other residents who have helped with this cause so far.

Regards,

Lee Cripps

KHRA Informal Meeting

RMG SERVICE CHARGE

- Find out what's happening
- Have your say
- Volunteer as a director

Date: Saturday, 20 March

Time: 1pm

Place: Moorside Community Centre, Urquhart Road, Kennet Heath

Be there – it is time to have your say!