

# #destinationbootle update



January 2022

Dear stakeholders, members and the community of Bootle – happy new year we hope you and your families are all safe and well.

We are pleased to update you as to the progress of the **#destinationbootle project** – our community-led plan to build 187 new affordable homes (80 of which will be extra care) at our current home the Old St Mary’s School, re-building our community business centre on the Carolina Basin and refurbishing the Lock and Quay Community Pub and Gardens to include a hotel and brewery.

In February 2021 you will remember our *planning application for the project was refused* – since then we have worked hard and raised funds (through our Crowd Funding appeal) and we are glad to report the appeal has been submitted to the the National Planning Inspectorate and we expect an to learn the outcome to this appeal in Spring this year.

We have made progress with identifying a Housing Association to help us manage the housing and maintenance – these conversations are going really well and we should have something concrete to report over the next few weeks.

As part of this development – we made the decision to retain the ownership of the homes within the community – to this end we established SAFE Community Homes CLT (Community Land Trust) with local people becoming directors alongside willing housing professionals to overseen the delivery of the project. As part of the process – we are registering with the Housing Regulator and are on target to submit the second part of the application by March 2022.



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## Membership of SAFE Community Homes – Community Land Trust

The new housing association SAFE COMMUNITY HOMES that will own and manage the houses on behalf of the community when completed - continues to develop, working towards becoming a registered provider. To ensure local people continue to have a say in the direction of the development and services going forward – we are building on our membership for the housing Association, making sure residents of the neighbourhood have a voice when the project is completed.

If you have an interest in becoming a tenant of one of the homes, we would urge you register your interest through becoming a member, like wise if you have an interest in working with us (as an individual or organisation) we would also encourage you to register as a member.

To become a member, you need to complete and submit an application form:

### Membership aims

- To build a wide membership base of people who support our aims and vision
- To ensure our membership is as diverse as and representative of our local community
- To increase the number of people wishing to play an active part in supporting our work
- To broaden the range of expertise, views and perspectives within the organisation

### Safe Community Homes has three classes of membership as follows:

- Tenant: any tenant of Safe Community Homes can become a member
- Individual: Anyone living or working in the Bootle area who wishes to support our aims or who wants to apply to live in our housing.
- Organisation: Organisations wishing to make a particular contribution to the work of Safe Community Homes

### Benefits of membership

- Receive regular newsletters
- Vote at the AGM and regular general meetings
- Can stand for election to the Board
- Vote in the election of Directors to the Board
- Get involved by volunteering to support the work of Safe Community Homes
- Get a loyalty Card for the Lock & Quay Community Pub & Garden - giving you priority bookings and discounts on drinks and Events.

If you want to get more actively involved in the project in anyway, please contact us at: [info@saferegen.org.uk](mailto:info@saferegen.org.uk) or [Brian@saferegen.org.uk](mailto:Brian@saferegen.org.uk)

