

BARKIS HOUSE

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Important - update on your housing block

Date: **6th August 2026**

Dear Resident,

I am writing to update you on the decision agreed at the recent Housing and Tackling Homelessness Cabinet Meeting held on Wednesday 5 August 2026, which affects you as a resident of Barkis House.

As explained in the letter and information pack delivered on 27 July, and following yesterday's decision - the proposal has now been agreed to gradually rehouse residents over the next four years, starting with residents from the top floors where possible.

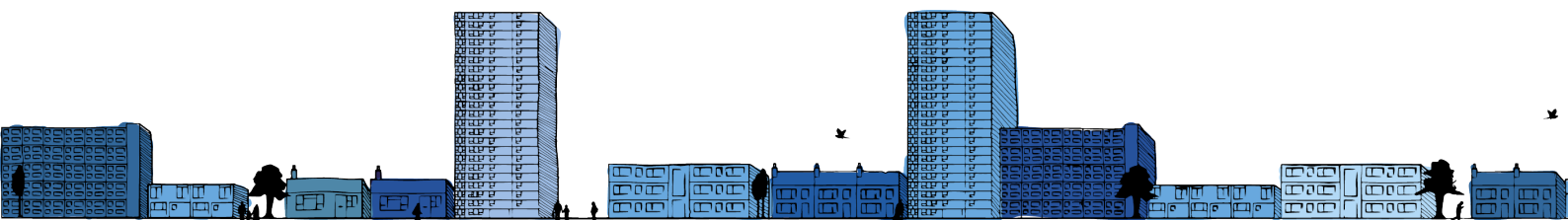
We know that this is significant news and appreciate that you may feel worried or uncertain about what this could mean for you and your family. Please be reassured that changes will happen gradually over a number of years.

As a next step, our team will begin contacting residents on the top floors to discuss their individual future housing needs, who lives in their household, and the support available to help them move. Once this is completed, residents will be added to the Portsmouth Housing Register. We hope to offer suitable alternative homes by spring 2027, depending on the availability of homes in their preferred areas.

The team will continue contacting residents at the appropriate moment. Residents will be added to the Portsmouth Housing Register in stages rather than all at once. This planned approach is why it is expected to take around four years to help all residents move to suitable homes.

As you may already know, Portsmouth Homes has created a dedicated Decant Team to support all residents throughout this process. There are several ways you can get information, ask questions and speak to someone about this news:

- Speak with your dedicated Decant Housing Officer, **Marie Hattersley on 02392 84 1284**
- Call our dedicated helpline on **02392 84 1674**.
- Email **decants@portsmouthcc.gov.uk**.
- Visit the Portsmouth Homes website for the latest information and frequently asked questions **portsmouth.gov.uk/barkishouse**



We know this is a lot of information to take in, and we will continue to keep you informed and support you throughout the process. If it would help, please let us know if there is a family member, friend, carer or someone else you trust that you would like involved in future conversations.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.



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