

Cyclops Wharf

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Dear neighbours,

My name is Andrew Wood and I am a neighbour of yours from Neptune Court. I was elected last May as Councillor for Canary Wharf ward (the area to the north of the sailing centre). Cyclops Wharf is in Island Gardens ward and your local Councillors are Peter Golds and Andrew Cregan. But if you have any issues let me know as we work across the island.

Unfortunately I cannot make it to the AGM tonight but I wanted to say a few things. For the last year I have spoken to many residents and have been in almost every building on the Isle of Dogs. I am now incredibly glad that I am living in Cyclops Wharf where residents are in charge and where we have competent staff and agents. This does not apply to all buildings on the island.

You would not believe some of the horror stories I have seen and heard in other developments. Whether that is regular outbreak of fires, the loss of hot water and heating over Christmas, the forced use of finger print scanners to access the property, theft of sinking funds, over charging, inadequate cleaning, I could spend hours listing all of the problems I have seen elsewhere. Even prestige developments like Landmark are full of problems. So much credit goes to our directors who manage all of this on our behalf; we are very lucky to live here.

If you are on Facebook you might like to join a group I set up called Canary Wharf & Isle of Dogs residents. It has over 1,600 members now and is a good source of information on what is happening locally. A website called Streetlife.com is also a useful place to find out what is happening and I am also working on a local news website.

There is also the Isle of Dogs Neighbourhood Planning Forum whose website is at; www.isleofdogsforum.org.uk

It is focused on development issues like the planning application submitted recently at Westferry Print Works (737 apartments and up to 32 storeys) or Project Stone that would redevelop the Kingsbridge estate with 407 new apartments (on the left hand side just before the sailing centre). If you join as a member you will get regular email updates from me on what is happening locally.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Wood
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