

Press release

Enhanced security measures create safer estates

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Hackney Homes is making great strides towards making Hackney a safer place to live and has installed a raft of security measures including lighting, communal door entry systems and safer doors.

According to the latest British Crime survey published on 23 April this year crime in Hackney has fallen by 40% in the last five years – making Hackney one of the safest boroughs to live in.

And, walking through estates right across Hackney, you will see some of the major improvements that have been made to ensure that local people feel safe where they live.

Hundreds of communal door entry systems have been installed to ensure that only residents of the estate can enter the blocks. Ms Louisa Zaky, a resident of Harman Street Estate in Hoxton said “The doors have really helped us on this estate. You no longer have people walking in and out of the blocks and we feel much safer walking into our house”.

In addition, lighting on estates has been upgraded so that they are brighter and are also in the darker areas where residents usually feel unsafe walking through.

Working with local police and door manufacturers, Hackney Homes has designed a stronger, burglar proof Gerda City Door which has been installed in over 13,500 homes across the borough. The doors are hailed by police as providing enhanced security for residents.

Cllr Alcock, Deputy Mayor of Hackney said: “It is important that we feel safe and protected when at home. That is why we will continue to invest in these vital improvements to our estates so that our estates are safe places to live and grow up”.

To report anti-social behaviour on your estate, please contact your local Neighbourhood Office.

To report a crime call 0300 123 1212 or in an emergency call 999.

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Notes to Editors

- **Home Office statistics** : Crime in Hackney has fallen by 40% in the last five years – making Hackney one of the safest boroughs to live in.