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New front doors to improve home safety

The security of homes across the borough has been given a boost, with around 500 new 'Secure by Design' front doors being installed.

Homes located in areas with high levels of anti-social behaviour are receiving the new police-approved doors, which have been tested to meet high security standards.

Not only will the doors give residents greater peace of mind, they have also been designed to improve insulation – helping residents save energy and reduce their heating costs. The doors also come with a special self-finish, meaning no paint touch-ups are necessary to keep them looking fresh and new.

Tower Hamlets Council Lead Member for Housing and Development, Cllr Marc Francis, said: "In July last year, Cabinet approved £3 million of extra spending for home improvements, and part of this money is going towards these new doors.

"Not only are they an important security improvement for our tenants, but they give a real lift to the look of our estates. We will try to roll the new doors out to other blocks in the years to come."

The new doors are being installed in two phases with the second phase providing around 300 residents with new doors.

Tower Hamlets Homes Chief Executive Gavin Cansfield said: "Every resident has the right to feel safe in their own home. Feedback so far from residents is that they appreciate the improved security the doors bring."

Tower Hamlets Homes has worked with the council's Safer Neighbourhood Team and the Anti Social Behaviour Prevention and Enforcement Manager to identify the homes most in need of the new Secure-by-Design doors.

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Notes to editor:

1. Tower Hamlets Homes (THH) is an arms-length management organisation (ALMO) managing approximately 22,000 tenants and leasehold properties on behalf of Tower Hamlets Council. www.towerhamletshomes.org.uk

Picture: (Left to Right) Tower Hamlets Homes architect Martin Smith; Cllr Marc Francis; Regional Manager of Masterdor Steven Mocklow; Tower Hamlets Homes Chief Executive Gavin Cansfield.

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