

# An Update from Andrea Bell, Chairperson, Tollcross Housing Association

I hope you are all well and have been vaccinated or about to get vaccinated.

I'm afraid not much has changed since the last newsletter. We are edging back to providing a full normal service, but until the Government move us back to Level 0 it's impossible to expand on our current position.

More staff are now back in the office, some permanently and others rotating with periods working from home and the office.

However, if you need to speak to any member of staff please call the office and the staff team will do everything possible to sort any problems out. We can arrange on line meetings and in some cases we can have face to face meetings.

I hesitate to say this because the deadlines keep changing, but if everything goes to plan we should have the full staff team back in the office by Tuesday 20th July 2021 and if that happens then hopefully we will open the office fully to the public on 9th August 2021. As I say, this all depends on the Government's view of the pandemic.

The Management Committee have continued to meet as usual, although all of the meetings have been held "on line". It's taken a great deal of hard work and patience from Committee Members to master the new technology, but we've eventually got our heads around it.



It will be great to get back to the old normal!

On 30th June 2021 Glasgow City Council published a plan for the regeneration of the East End of Glasgow call "**The Inner Strategic Development Framework**". This plan includes proposals for Tollcross. You can look at the document online at <https://www.glasgowconsult.co.uk/KMS/dmart.aspx?strTab=PublicDMartCurrent>. If you can't see it there then contact the Association and we'll send you out a copy by post. These proposals are important to the future of the area and they will have an impact on you and your family, so please check them over and provide feedback to the Council about what you think - you can only change things if you get involved. The Association will provide more details on these proposals in the Autumn Newsletter.

Finally, its terrible news about the proposed closure of the McVities factory. The factory has been in operation in Tollcross for almost 100 years and it would be a real body blow for the area if it does close. If we can do anything to help save the factory and the 500 jobs then you can be assured we'll do everything possible.

If you work in the factory, or the proposed closure might affect you in some way, we'd like to hear from you. As I say, we don't want the factory to close, but if it does then we want to be as prepared as we can to try to help those involved. We are trying to get an idea of just how many tenants, owners or residents in the area will be affected by the closure, so if the proposed closure will affect you please contact us. This information will allow us to prepare as well as we can if the closure goes ahead.

**Please use the cut off slip below and the prepaid envelope to respond or call the office.  
Hopefully, all this won't be required and Pladis will see sense and keep the factory open.**

**Fingers crossed!!!!!!!**

**Stay safe**



## McVities Factory

Hopefully the decision to close the McVities Factory in Tollcross will be overturned and this will have been a waste of time. But just in case the closure does happen we're trying to get prepared so that the best help and advice possible can be provided to anyone who will be affected by the closure.

If you could answer the questions noted below and then send the tear off slip back to us, using the prepaid envelope enclosed - this information will help us prepare and ensure that everyone gets the best help available.

Do you work in the McVities Factory ? .....

Will the proposed closure have an impact on your employment ? .....

Are you employed by someone who depends on the McVities factory for work? .....

There's no need to provide your contact details but it might be helpful for the future

Name .....

Address .....

Tel Number .....

Email Address .....