

20th February 2017

## **Dear Holmethorpe Industrial Estate business owner**

Raven Housing Trust is a housing association based in Redhill, on Linkfield Lane. We provide around 6000 homes across East Surrey, with around 80% of them located in the borough of Reigate and Banstead. As well as providing homes, we also run a programme of support for our tenants which includes help to get into work, or better paid work.

The majority of our tenants do work, but of those who are unemployed, the typical sorts of situations are:

- Having been out of the workplace for a few years with childcare responsibilities
- Low confidence
- A lack of formal qualifications
- Needing to work around school drop offs

We are currently working with a number of local employers, including Sainsbury's and Travelodge, helping them to recruit to their vacancies by providing (free) tailored training programmes to prospective employees to get them 'job-ready' for the specific roles on offer.

I am writing to make the same offer to the businesses of the Holmethorpe Industrial Estate. Last year I ran a small focus group with some of you, and the resounding feedback was that you often struggle to recruit to vacancies.

On 16,17 and 18<sup>th</sup> March Pro-Train and Raven are running a 'roadshow' across Reigate and Banstead talking to local people about local job opportunities (some of those people will be Raven tenants, but it is open to anybody). We will also be putting on some training and support for those who express interest over the coming weeks and months to give them additional skills, experience and confidence.

If you would like us to promote your current and upcoming vacancies, all you need to do is complete the attached form and send it back to <a href="mailto:c.payne@protrain-solutions.co.uk">c.payne@protrain-solutions.co.uk</a> no later than **Friday 3**<sup>rd</sup> **March** 

Just to reiterate – there is absolutely no charge and no catch. If you have any questions, please drop me a line on 01737 272411 / <a href="mailto:angela.ellis@ravenht.org.uk">angela.ellis@ravenht.org.uk</a>

Kind regards

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