

Dear Resident,

The Future of the Barnsbury Estate

I am writing on behalf of Newlon Housing Trust, the organisation that owns and manages the Barnsbury Estate.

We believe that the Estate needs attention and investment. It has provided a home to many people since the first buildings were constructed over 80 years ago. We want to ensure it can continue doing so for the long term and therefore wanted to let you know that we are considering a range of refurbishment and redevelopment options for its future.

We are at a very early stage in this process but know that because of the different types of blocks, their construction and current condition, we will need to look at different solutions across the Estate. We want to discuss this in detail with you.

The purpose of this work would be to ensure the Estate can continue to offer existing and future residents a high-quality and safe living environment. We also want to look at whether there are opportunities to create more homes for local people on the Estate – particularly affordable homes at a social rent so that Barnsbury can continue to be a successful and diverse community.

Before we undertake any further work on our ideas we would like to discuss them with residents. We have outlined below the consultation we will be undertaking and will contact you again with the details.

Our consultation with you: This is the beginning of a comprehensive consultation process with residents at its core. We will be holding a series of workshops for you to help shape the future of the Barnsbury Estate. The first will be held on the following days at the Barnsbury Community Centre, 12 Jays Street, Barnsbury Estate, London, N1 0FE:

- Tuesday 8th October: 7.00pm – 8.30pm;
- Thursday 10th October: 10.00am – 12.00pm;
- Saturday 12th October: 10.00am – 12.00pm.

Please note that we are holding this first workshop on three dates to offer residents of the Estate more opportunity to take part. **There is no need to attend more than one of these sessions.** We would be grateful if you can let us know which one you plan on attending by emailing best@newlon.org.uk.

Newlon Housing Trust is a charitable housing association and part of the Newlon Group

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The meeting will begin with an introduction to the team, our current analysis of the buildings on the Estate and our proposed consultation programme, followed by a discussion in groups. Workshops will then take place every month into 2020 with each one covering a different topic. There will also be opportunities to have your say online through a new website, www.betterbarnsbury.org.uk, which is being launched today and will be updated regularly.

Residents' rights: We want to ensure that residents feel their current rights are protected and we will be working with you to develop a residents' charter that contains our key commitments to you.

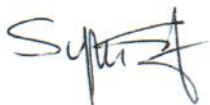
You have the final say: This series of workshops will end with a public exhibition where everyone can see proposals for the Estate, shaped by the people who live there. A vote called an 'estate ballot' will then be held. This gives residents the right to directly decide on whether they support any plans – and vote yes or no.

If you would like to get in touch or have any questions, you can email us at best@newlon.org.uk, or leave us a voicemail by calling 0800 3077 659 and a member of the team will get back to you. If you would like this letter translated into another language, please do get in touch.

If you do not have access to email please write to me at the Barnsbury Estate Transformation (BEST) Office, 1A Adrian House, Jays Street N1 0TY, with any questions, or to let us know that you will be attending one of the first consultation sessions.

Source Partnership have been appointed by a residents' panel to act as Independent Advisors for residents of the Estate. They will be available for you to ask questions and talk openly, honestly and confidentially with, throughout the consultation. Source Partnership will be introducing themselves in person on the Estate within the next few weeks, but if you want to speak to them in the meantime you can contact them on freephone **0800 616 328** or at info@sourcepartnership.com.

Yours Sincerely



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If you would like this letter in large print, audio, Braille or any other format, please contact us or ask a member of staff.