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Dear Resident,

Barnsbury Estate Transformation –Coronavirus and future engagement with residents of the Barnsbury Estate

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well at this difficult time. You will, I hope, have received a recent email update or seen notices about the postponement of workshop 7 (Tuesday 24th and Saturday 28th March) in our consultation programme with residents.

Recent Government guidance about tackling the spread of coronavirus means that we must all, for the time being, get used to communicating with each other very differently. From the start of this process I and my colleagues in the BEST office have felt that it is important to be in regular dialogue with you. Through our regular newsletter updates, our website betterbarnsbury.org.uk and, more importantly, face-to-face contact with you on the Estate and in our workshops, we have worked with you to understand what you like about your homes and the estate and what you want to see improved. This process has, most recently, culminated in a presentation of outline proposals to redevelop New Barnsbury and refurbish Old Barnsbury in order to deliver the Estate's transformation.

As well as the postponement of workshop 7 we have taken the decision to take a step back and reconsider how we can best consult with you in these new circumstances. We will be in touch again with further updates on how we intend to do this. Please be assured that we will continue to put you, the residents, at the heart of this project.

I would like to confirm that **the ballot of estate residents on these proposals will not be taking place in the Summer**, as we had previously proposed. We will, of course, inform you of the new date for the ballot, as well as any further updates relating to our proposals and the consultation programme. If you have any questions you can still email BEST@newlon.org.uk or call the freephone 0800 307 7659.

In the meantime, our colleagues at Newlon are working hard to make sure that we can continue to support you at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully



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