

21st August 2020

Dear Resident,

Barnsbury Estate Transformation (BEST) – Islington Council Local Plan review

I am writing to inform you about consultation that the Council will be undertaking with residents of the Barnsbury Estate about Islington's Local Plan.

Like all other local planning authorities, Islington is required to have an up-to-date Local Plan. This sets out the policies and proposals that will guide development in the area over the next 10 to 15 years. One function of a Local Plan is to identify sites for housing development in order to meet Islington's identified housing need.

The Barnsbury Estate is proposed to be one of the housing development sites to be included in Islington's new Local Plan. We wanted to let you know that the Council will write to you, as a Barnsbury resident, to ask for your views when it undertakes consultation on its Local Plan review in the Autumn. Please note that this will be a Council-run consultation and that its focus will be on broad principles. It is separate to the BEST team's consultation with you about the estate's future.

Having an up-to-date Local Plan in place will provide the planning framework necessary to support the estate's future transformation; however, as we have stated previously, that transformation cannot take place unless residents of the estate vote in favour at the ballot.

I hope that this update is helpful. If you have any questions in the meantime, please see our contact details below.

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Yours sincerely



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