

## RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022

## AN UPDATE FOR OLD BARNSBURY RESIDENTS



Our latest Old Barnsbury events in the Community Centre

### Old Barnsbury Consultation Update

Thanks for joining us at our recent consultation events for Old Barnsbury residents. At these sessions, we presented our updated proposals for the outdoor spaces and landscaping including the Green Walk, Barnsbury Road park and car parking. We also set out the proposed refurbishment of your kitchens and bathrooms and explained our ideas for a new sustainable energy plan for Old Barnsbury.

This newsletter contains a short summary of the information presented and your feedback from these events.

Turn to the back page to see the dates of our next sessions which are the final ones before we submit our planning application.



# OLD BARNSBURY CONSULTATION SUMMARY

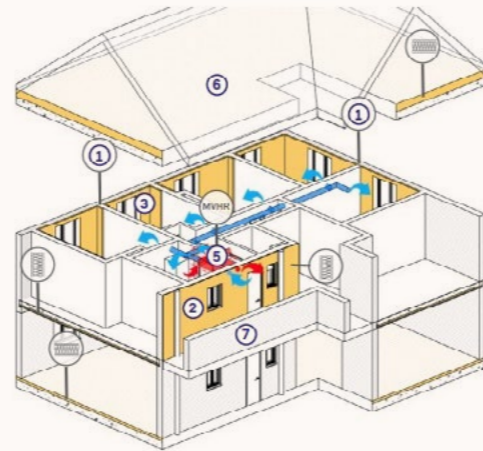
## OUR ENERGY ASPIRATIONS

We have been developing options to create more sustainable and energy efficient homes following the ballot. At the consultation events, we wanted to hear your feedback on our aspirations including insulation, windows, and alternative heating and ventilation systems.

Several of you told us that you would prefer to see the Air Source Heat Pump option used within your home, which would provide a sustainable future proof option, potentially reducing your energy bills.

We will continue to work alongside you to develop the most appropriate energy strategy, and will be submitting this particular detail in a later planning application to ensure we get it right for you.

The energy plan for Old Barnsbury is still being worked on. If you want more details about our aspirations for the homes on Old Barnsbury, please view Board 11 from our latest consultation event which can be found via our website: [betterbarnsbury.org.uk](https://betterbarnsbury.org.uk), or by scanning the QR code.



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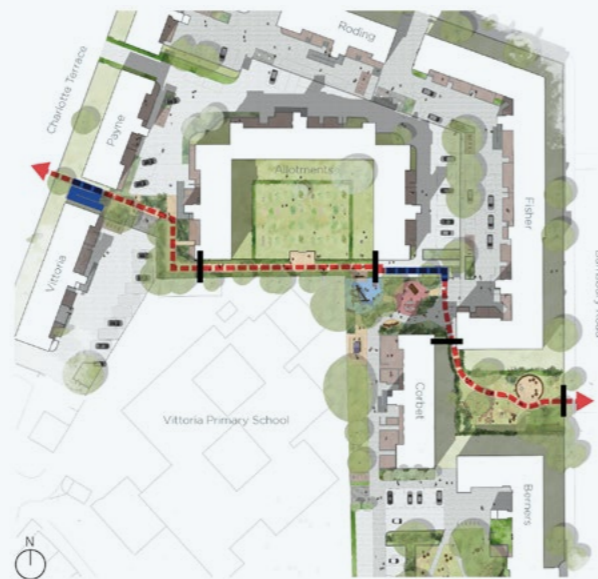
## OUR PROPOSALS FOR THE 'GREEN WALK'

We also shared more information about the Green Walk and its proposed route. The Green Walk will create a landscaped walking route through Old Barnsbury from Barnsbury Road to Charlotte Terrace, as well as including 'play on the way' elements providing a link through the Estate - as shown on the diagram. It will be locked at night to prevent anti-social behaviour.

**The Green Walk will provide a range of benefits including:**

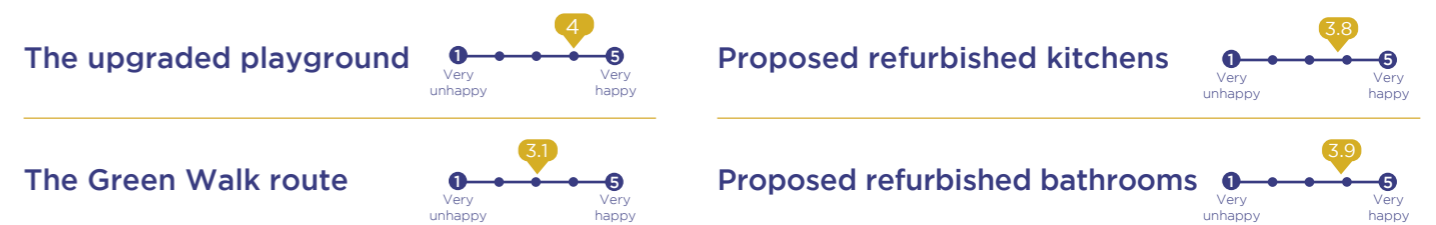
- A refreshed greener landscape
- Better signage and gateways
- Better accessibility and connections
- More visibility and safety through improved lighting

Following our consultation with residents, we have made some changes to the Green Walk to address your comments about anti-social behaviour and the potential for it to become a 'rat run'. You will be able to see more details on these changes at our upcoming events.



## YOUR FEEDBACK

At the recent events we asked you all to rank how you felt about certain aspects of the proposals on a scale of one to five:



We are now working on adding further detail into our plans which reflect the feedback you shared during this consultation and will present revised proposals to you at our next round of consultation - you can find further details overleaf.

## YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Question	Answer
<b>What will the sequencing of works be? Will this be carried out on a block-by-block basis or all at once?</b>	We plan to complete the refurbishment works in a phased approach. The first phases will concentrate on the internal works, such as kitchen and bathroom replacements. Following this, work will take place on the external phases, including window and flat entrance doors along with other external repair works. After this, communal area upgrading works will then follow, and the final phase will be on the outdoor spaces.
<b>How will anti-social behaviour be designed out of the plans for the Green Walk?</b>	We understand your concerns about this route, however, we will ensure that our work with Light Follows Behaviour, our lighting consultants, addresses safety. You can find more information on this at our drop-in event.
<b>Are you able to provide an updated timeline for the project?</b>	We are aiming to submit our planning application in June 2022, and expect a decision by the Council in Autumn 2022. Following this, we expect works to start mid-2023 and will take 4-6 years to complete the phases.
<b>What is happening to the parking on site?</b>	The current car parking spaces will be reduced, and we will try to ensure that permit holders keep their spaces on site. By reducing the number of spaces, our proposals will improve the provision of cycle storage and increase the amount of green space on site.

## UPCOMING CONSULTATION EVENTS

We are now finalising our proposals for Old Barnsbury so that we can submit a planning application to Islington Council. This will be a separate application to the redevelopment proposals on New Barnsbury. We will share more information at our next events so that you have every opportunity to ask questions and share your feedback before the application is submitted.

### We will be hosting the following events in May:

- **Door knocking and pop-up workshop:** Tuesday 10 May from 12–3pm on Old Barnsbury
- **Drop-in session:** Tuesday 17 May from 5.30–7pm in the Barnsbury Community Centre
- **Resident walkaround:** Tuesday 17 May starting at 7pm from the Barnsbury Community Centre

We look forward to seeing you then and discussing the plans!



Previous walkabout sessions of the Barnsbury Estate

### Would you like to talk to a member of the BEST team about these proposals? If so please:

✉ Email [best@newlon.org.uk](mailto:best@newlon.org.uk)

☎ Call **020 7613 7596** or **020 8709 9172**

Alternatively, you can call our independent advisors Source Partnership on **Freephone 0800 616 328** or at [info@sourcepartnership.com](mailto:info@sourcepartnership.com)