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RESIDENT UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2022

WELCOME TO OUR LATEST BARNSBURY ESTATE NEWSLETTER!



View of how the proposed Canal Blocks could look on completion

Since submitting the planning application, we've received some feedback and have made some design changes to the New Barnsbury scheme. See inside for details of some drop-in sessions to show these updates to you.

You can also find out more information about the Old Barnsbury application, the decant process, updates from our recent site tour, and much more!

As always, if you have any questions you can get in touch with the BEST team on the numbers below or contact your Independent Resident Advisors, Source Partnership, using the details on the back page.

UPDATES ON THE BARNSBURY ESTATE TRANSFORMATION

New Barnsbury application and drop-in sessions

We have made some design changes to the New Barnsbury scheme since submitting the planning application, based on the feedback received. These will be re-submitted to Islington Council later this autumn.

The changes include a reduction in the number of homes. For example, we have reduced the height of the canal blocks from 11-13 storeys to 9-11. We've also made some changes to the landscaping to provide more greenery across the Estate, and a number of other smaller changes, however it is worth noting that the fundamentals of the scheme haven't changed, and all existing homes will still be re-provided. We look forward to sharing the full details with you at the drop-in sessions.

Join us at the Barnsbury Community Centre on:

- **Tuesday 27 September from 2pm to 5pm**
- **Tuesday 4 October from 2pm to 7pm**



We'll also have children's activities and plenty of refreshments, as well as a raffle for people to win prizes, so pop by and ask any questions you might have!

Old Barnsbury application

Newlon recently submitted its application for the refurbishment of Old Barnsbury, and you can now share your thoughts the Council by searching ref **P2022/2454/FUL**.

You can also visit our website with a direct link to the application to the Council's planning portal at betterbarnsbury.org.uk.

SUPPORT OUR APPLICATIONS!

Thank you to everyone who has expressed their support for the New Barnsbury Transformation, with over 100 comments received! We've really enjoyed talking to you in our recent door-knocking of New Barnsbury, and if we missed you we've submitted a card through your letter box to complete and drop into the Barnsbury Community Centre.

If you live in Old Barnsbury we'll be coming to chat to you on your doorsteps soon about the refurbishment and give you the chance to write a letter of support for the application.



WHAT NEXT?

We are targeting a planning committee date for **Tuesday 29 November**. At this meeting an elected group of Islington councillors will be responsible for deciding on the applications for **both New and Old Barnsbury**. Please also note that you'll still be able to comment on either planning application after the dates specified on the letters sent from Islington Council.

If the application is approved, then we'll be able to move ahead with the first phase of building your new homes – which we are looking to start in March 2023!

If you have any questions on the applications do let us know using our contact details on the back page.

SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE DECANT PROCESS

We're making good progress with the decanting of Blackmore House, with 12 households now moved and four more moves pending!

It's been really positive to see so many families moving into their homes, with four of the households in Blackmore House previously over-crowded and enjoying the new space in their temporary homes.

If you have any questions about the decant process, pop by our drop-in sessions or contact the BEST team using the details overleaf.



WORK EXPERIENCE AND MENTOR PROGRAMME

“My work experience with Mount Anvil was an amazing eye-opener into the world of property development. It gave me loads more confidence to believe in myself both professionally and personally. I can't wait to start a longer-term internship with the team.” Rachel, daughter of a Barnsbury Estate resident.

We had a great time with Rachel, who joined Mount Anvil for an exciting week of work experience through our Makers & Mentors programme, which is supported by the Mayor of London. We'll be running another work experience week in October, so if you or someone you know might be interested, find out more at mountanvil.com/makers-mentors/work-experience or call Mount Anvil's Resident Engagement Manager Crystal on **07435793270**.



WE REALLY ENJOYED TAKING YOU ON A SITE TOUR LAST MONTH!

“I really can't wait for it to happen. If that's my home, I will love it”

“I like the spacious hallways and the balconies”

Thank you to everyone that joined us on 17 August for a tour of Newlon's Rivers Apartments development. Residents were able to see the quality and standard of communal areas such as the concierge office, bin stores, car and bike parking and much more!

We also visited The Silk District, Mount Anvil's award-winning development in Whitechapel, to see the quality, finishings and sizes of the homes there.

We had some very positive feedback from you, including 92% of attendees supporting the New Barnsbury proposals!

To see the layouts of a typical one-bed and two-bed room, visit betterbarnsbury.org.uk/show-home





View of how Carnegie Street Park could look on completion

GET FREE AND INDEPENDENT ADVICE FROM YOUR INDEPENDENT TENANT ADVISOR, SOURCE PARTNERSHIP

On the last Wednesday of every month, you can see your Independent Resident Advisor Source Partnership at the Barnsbury Community Centre from 4–6pm to provide you with free and independent advice on anything relating to your home and tenancy. This next drop-in is taking place on Wednesday 28 September.

You can either drop-in at these sessions, or can book an appointment by calling 020 8299 2550, freephone 0800 616328 or by emailing info@sourcepartnership.com

TALK TO NEWLON AND MOUNT ANVIL AT THE BEST OFFICE

The BEST office is now open Monday to Friday on an appointment basis to come and talk to us about the Transformation!

You can talk Mount Anvil's Resident Engagement Manager Crystal and Newlon's Resident Liaison Officers Jane and Jennifer about any part of the Transformation, including questions on New Barnsbury, Old Barnsbury, your home, and the phasing plan.

To schedule an appointment, please call the BEST team on 020 7613 7596 or 020 8709 9172, or contact Crystal on 07435 793270.

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