

BEST BARNSBURY
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Our drop-in session on 27 September

Thank you to everyone who joined the New Barnsbury design update drop-in sessions. Missed it? Don't worry, you'll have received information about the changes in the post or you can view the banners on the Better Barnsbury website.

The Council's planning committee will decide on both applications for New and Old Barnsbury on 29 November. Get in touch with Crystal to find out how you can join us on the evening to show your support for the Transformation!

Our updated planning application for New Barnsbury has now been resubmitted to Islington Council, who are running a further statutory consultation period – more details about this can be found inside.

We've also shared some updates on those who are moving out of Blackmore House and you can find out more about our Black History Month party on 28 October.

UPDATES ABOUT THE BARNSBURY ESTATE TRANSFORMATION



NEW BARNSBURY

View of the new blocks on Copenhagen Street on completion

We heard your feedback on the designs of the buildings, the updated Canal Blocks and the changes to the landscaping.

Overall, you told us that you were happy with the changes made to the buildings, parks, and courtyard gardens, with the following ratings given:

★★★★★ 4.47 / 5 stars – Changes to buildings

★★★★★ 4.60 / 5 stars – Changes to parks and courtyard gardens

Our revised application has now been submitted to Islington Council. You should have received a letter from the Council letting you know that they are running their own consultation on the proposals and you can send them your comments.

Send your comments by searching for the same reference number as before – **P2022/1898/FUL** – on the Council's planning portal. You can also find a direct link to the application on our website at www.betterbarnsbury.org.uk.

Well done to the winners of the raffle from Molton, Venn, Jocelin and Redmond House – we hope you enjoy your prizes!

NEW HOMES FOR BLACKMORE HOUSE RESIDENTS

We're making good progress on ensuring that Blackmore House is vacant – with just nine households left to be rehoused. We're working with the remaining residents to find suitable accommodation for them, and some have accepted an offer of another home on the Estate.

Overcrowded families

This process has meant that we can rehouse some overcrowded families living on the estate, in addition to offering Blackmore residents homes that are the right size for their households.

Adult children

We have also been able to rehouse four adult children in their own new homes. If you are an adult living with your family and are overcrowded, please contact the BEST team who can advise if we can rehouse you in a bedsit or 1-bedroom flat.

As part of the decant of Blackmore House we will need sheds and store space cleared as well, so if you have a shed or any other storage in or around Blackmore House speak to the BEST team.

OLD BARNSBURY GREEN SPACES - RESPONDING TO YOUR FEEDBACK

Over the past few weeks we've heard feedback from Old Barnsbury residents who have concerns and questions about the Green Walk.

We want to talk to you, show some alternative options and get your feedback to ensure that the new landscaping and open green spaces on Old Barnsbury are something that everyone can celebrate and enjoy.

Within the next week, we will be on Old Barnsbury delivering a leaflet and talking to you about these options.

We'll also be hosting a short drop-in session in the Barnsbury Community Centre - more information will be shared soon.



Sketch of the proposed Barnsbury Road Park

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

For residents of Molton, Messiter and Jocelin – please make sure to return your Housing Needs Survey and Preference Form. We will use this information to help us allocate the new homes, so it is important we know these details.

Please complete this by 11 November and return your form to the BEST office - you can leave it in the postbox if the team aren't around.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the BEST team using the details overleaf.



View of Pultney Park on completion

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN ISLINGTON

There are a range of exciting events taking place in October in the local area to celebrate Black History Month, including:

- **The Black-Art Gallery** - on display at the Islington Local History Centre until 19 November
- **Storytelling with Sandra Agard** - Central Library, Friday 21 October, from 11am
- **Style in my DNA** - A process in archiving, Finsbury Library, Tuesday 25 October at 6.15pm

You can also pick up a selection of Black LGBT+ books from your local library.

See the full schedule of events at:

islingtonlife.london/things-to-do/black-history-month-2022

COME ALONG TO OUR BLACK HISTORY MONTH PARTY!

Join us on **28 October from 4pm to 8pm** at the Barnsbury Community Centre and enjoy food, refreshments, children's activities and music. No need to register – we hope to see you there.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Get free and independent advice from Source Partnership

Come and see your Independent Resident Advisor Source Partnership at the Barnsbury Community Centre on Wednesday 26 October from 4pm to 6pm.

You can either drop-in at these sessions, or 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!

To schedule an appointment, please call the BEST team or contact Crystal on 07435 793270.

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