

BEST BARNSBURY
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JOIN US AT THE UPCOMING PLANNING COMMITTEES



Our summer community party

Islington Council's planning committee will soon be deciding on both applications for New Barnsbury and Old Barnsbury. The Council intends to consider the applications separately, with the New Barnsbury application likely to be on 29 November and the Old Barnsbury application likely on 6 December.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ENSURE THE
TRANSFORMATION GOES AHEAD**

On 29 November, we have a meeting with the people who will decide whether to approve the application. If they do, this means we begin building your new homes in March 2023.

Your voice is more important now than ever before. We need YOU to show the decision-makers that YOU want this to happen.

Turn the page to find out more 

**JOIN US FOR A PARTY BEFORE
THE NEW BARNSBURY
PLANNING COMMITTEE!**










Come and join us at our pre-committee party at the Barnsbury Community Centre on **Tuesday 29 November from 5pm.**

We'll be enjoying **food and music** and **making banners** before heading to the Town Hall at 6.30pm to show that residents of the Barnsbury Estate want the Transformation to go ahead.

SUPPORTING THE NEW BARNSBURY PLANNING APPLICATION

If you would like to show your support, please fill out the relevant side of the card that came with this newsletter and either drop it off at the Community Centre or send a photo of it to BEST@newlon.org.uk

The Transformation of New Barnsbury will deliver:

-  914 homes (including 291 new homes for existing residents)
-  Secure, well insulated and energy efficient buildings
-  An uplift to 16,400 sqm of open space including secure resident courtyards, two parks and 52 more trees than existing
-  Homes that meet the needs of those with additional needs
-  New secure internal bin and cycle stores for all blocks
-  A brand new community centre (doubled in size), nursery, and multi-use games area
-  Beautiful architecture, inspired by its local context

If you'd like a reminder of our full proposals for New Barnsbury, visit www.betterbarnsbury.org.uk/our-consultation-work-so-far



View of the new blocks on Copenhagen Street on completion

NEW HOMES FOR BLACKMORE HOUSE RESIDENTS

Our work to move residents from Blackmore House is continuing to progress, with 27 households now decanted out of 33 properties in the block. One such person who has been rehoused is Ayann – hear more about their experience below.

“ I've just moved into a larger property in Mavor House and I'm already loving it. Home is the place we love the best, so choosing a new one is a big life decision – what is it really like to live there? Overall, everything was fine with the move. There was an issue with the heating when we moved in but it was fixed the following day – thumbs up to Rob, the site manager. Other than that, everything is all good. The Newlon staff have been very helpful and polite, especially Jennifer who was a pleasure to deal with from start to finish. Nothing was too much trouble and she was always available to help with our queries. Once we had accepted the offer, Jennifer handled the move professionally and kept us updated. I'd like to thank all Newlon staff for the smooth move into our new home. ”

If you are overcrowded or have a housing need, make sure this is registered with London Borough of Islington. You can also contact the BEST team if you need any help with your housing needs.








Sketch of the proposed Barnsbury Road Park

SUPPORTING THE OLD BARNSBURY PLANNING APPLICATION

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The refurbishment of Old Barnsbury will:

-  Deliver a high quality refurbishment of your home including replacement kitchens, bathrooms, windows and doors
-  Introduce changes to the block and access points to improve the journey home
-  Provide improvements to the existing buildings
-  Transform the outside spaces with new and improved parks, planting and landscaping
-  Give tenants a choice of fittings and colours, to make your home your own

AN UPDATE ON THE GREEN WALK

We recently spoke with you about two revised Green Walk options and asked you to complete a feedback form to share your thoughts.

The majority of residents said they preferred Option 2, which will include gated access for Old Barnsbury residents only, without a walking link from Charlotte Terrace to Barnsbury Road.

We're really grateful for all the feedback we received and have now submitted this update to Islington Council.

VIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A link to Islington Council's planning portal can be found on the [Better Barnsbury website](http://www.betterbarnsbury.org.uk) - where you can also see the reference numbers for both the New and Old Barnsbury applications:



GET CREATIVE WITH US AT THE BARNSBURY COMMUNITY CENTRE

One of our talented residents, Cecilia, will be holding a series of workshops where you can make infused oils, home decor, body scrubs and more.

Join us for free on:

- **17 November** from **1.30pm to 3.30pm** and make some hand-made gifts for loved ones!

Further sessions taking place:

- **1 and 15 December**, and **12 January**.



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH YOU

It was great to be able to celebrate Black History Month with you at our event on 28 October!

We had a lot of fun, with food, educational activities and enjoying the fantastic music from the steel pan band.



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Help on Your Doorstep

Help on Your Doorstep (HOYD) will be coming to households on the Barnsbury Estate in the near future to see if residents need any further support. HOYD can signpost you to relevant support networks, including foodbanks, health and wellbeing, and money management.

Find out more at www.helponyourdoorstep.com

Get free and independent advice from Source Partnership

Come and see your Independent Resident Advisor Source Partnership at the Barnsbury Community Centre on Wednesday 30 November 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

If you would like to talk to us about the Transformation or look at a printed version of the planning application you can arrange an appointment to come and see us at the BEST office.

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

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