

BEST BARNSBURY ESTATE TRANSFORMATION

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DECEMBER 2022



Some of the residents who joined us to hear the approval of the New Barnsbury application

THE TRANSFORMATION OF BARNSBURY ESTATE IS SET TO GO AHEAD!

Islington Council has now approved the plans for both New and Old Barnsbury. **This means that we will begin our work to deliver the transformation of your homes and the wider Estate in March 2023.**

Thank you to all the residents who came to both committee meetings and thank you again for your hard work on the plans over the last three years.

Read on to find out the next steps.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable holidays.

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BEST OFFICE CLOSURE OVER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

Please note that the BEST office is closed from **23 December - 3 January.**

If you require an emergency repair or other assistance over this time please **call 020 7613 8080** where a recorded message will direct you to the out-of-hours service providers.

If you are hard of hearing, you can get in touch with Relay UK, who can be used to contact us for out-of-hours emergencies, 24/7. You can get in touch with them on **www.relayuk.bt.com.**

WORKS FOR BOTH NEW AND OLD BARNSBURY TO BEGIN NEXT YEAR!

We were delighted that Islington Council approved the planning application for New Barnsbury on Tuesday 29 November, followed by the approval of the Old Barnsbury application on Tuesday 6 December.

NEXT STEPS ON NEW BARNSBURY

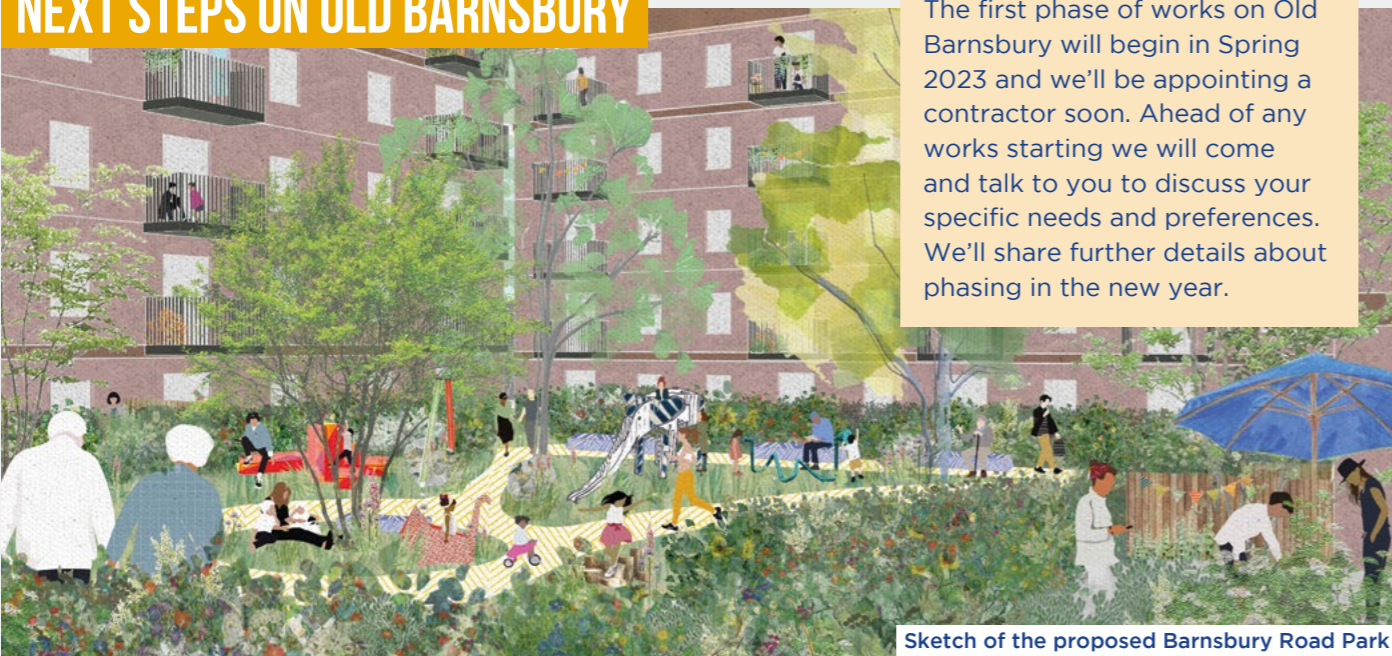
We will continue to help the remaining residents in Blackmore House to move to ensure that works can start on the first phase of New Barnsbury in March 2023.

We'll keep you updated as things progress and if you have any questions then please do get in touch.



NEXT STEPS ON OLD BARNSBURY

The first phase of works on Old Barnsbury will begin in Spring 2023 and we'll be appointing a contractor soon. Ahead of any works starting we will come and talk to you to discuss your specific needs and preferences. We'll share further details about phasing in the new year.



Sketch of the proposed Barnsbury Road Park

OLD BARNSBURY — ENERGY EFFICIENCY

We are continuing to look into how the Old Barnsbury refurbishment can go further to make sure that your homes are as energy efficient as possible. For this, we've been looking at a number of different options that could work best for residents and address the climate emergency.

We are finalising our plans and will be running a consultation with residents in the new year. We'll let you know these details next year so you can take a look and have your say.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOU IN THE NEW YEAR

FIND YOUR CALM

Local resident Paul Formosa will be holding eight free meditation and wellbeing workshops at the Barnsbury Community Centre in the new year. These will take place on Wednesdays from 10am to 12pm starting 1 February.

Each week will have a different focus and provide opportunities to learn how to meditate, create calmer space at home, and connect with nature.

Sign up now by scanning the QR code below or by texting or calling 07471 439 129 – there are only 10 spaces per session, book now so you don't miss out!



The Life Laundry more mindful living in 8 weeks



GET CREATIVE

We had a lot of fun at Cecilia's first two upcycling workshops and hope you can join us for the next sessions where we'll be making body scrubs and shelving and storage for your homes.

These are taking place at the Community Centre on:

- Thursday 12 January, 1.30pm to 3.30pm
- Thursday 26 January, 1.30pm to 3.30pm
- Thursday 9 February, 1.30pm to 3.30pm

These sessions are free to attend, and there will be food and drink provided. We look forward to seeing you there!



HELP AND SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

If you're being affected by the cost of living crisis, Islington Council has a range of services and support for you.

You can view these via the website <https://www.islington.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-support>

You can also get in touch with their dedicated team on heretohelp@islington.gov.uk or by calling 020 7527 8222.

HELP ON YOUR DOORSTEP

You may have met our partners Help on Your Doorstep (HOYD) when they recently visited the Estate.

HOYD are the local organisation for Islington that signpost you to a wide range of support services, including health and wellbeing, foodbanks, money management and employment and training advice.

If you need help, the website is the best place to start <https://www.helponyourdoorstep.com>

GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN A £100 LOVE2SHOP VOUCHER



You may remember that last year we asked you to tell us how you're feeling about your current home and the proposed changes to the Barnsbury Estate. Your feedback not only helped us to find out how you felt, but also shaped how we've engaged with you.

For example, scores showed you felt a strong sense of community on the Estate and so we have sought ways to ensure this remains a constant throughout our engagement and as the Transformation progresses. In addition to this, low scores on physical and mental wellbeing has meant that we've been working to ensure you're supported through various activities, including events during the annual Mental Health Awareness Week in May, ongoing wellbeing activities in the community centre and our partnership with Help on Your Doorstep.

We would love to hear from you again to understand how you are feeling this year, what might have changed, and what could be better.



The survey can be found at the link below, or by scanning the QR code. You can also call **Mount Anvil's Resident Engagement Manager Crystal on 0800 0293 485** if you would like to complete the survey with her over the phone.

shorturl.at/bEG59 Please note this URL is case sensitive.

By completing the survey, you'll be entered into the draw to win a £100 Love2shop voucher. The survey will close at **5pm on 31 January 2023** and the winner will be contacted by **10 February 2023**.

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.

If we do not get your updated Housing needs survey with your stated preferences we will not be able to take any preferences you may have into account when allocating the new homes.

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

OVERCROWDING

If you are overcrowded or have a housing need, make sure this is registered with London Borough of Islington.

If you are overcrowded and have adult children living with you, we may also be able to assist with their rehousing in a bedsit or one-bedroom property on the Estate. Please contact the BEST team for more information.

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 25 January from 4pm to 6pm.

This session is a drop-in but if you'd like to book an appointment or wish to discuss anything with Source, you can contact them 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 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.

Get in touch

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