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Dear Resident,

As we've communicated from the outset of the Barnsbury Estate Transformation, your safety is our number one priority. We hope you've managed to attend some of the sessions we've run in partnership with the London Fire Brigade as we all look to build homes that meet the highest safety standards.

Throughout the design process we have been working with a specialist fire consultant and keeping a close eye on the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and subsequent changes to fire safety and building safety legislation. We have sought to embed as much of the new thinking as possible throughout the design development for New Barnsbury.

It now seems likely that the Government will announce some further new building safety requirements in October. It is possible these may result in changes to the proposed building designs for New Barnsbury and could require a change to the planning permission.

In light of this we have made the difficult decision to pause on the demolition of Blackmore House to assess whether the new requirements will have an impact on the scheme approved by Islington's planners. We know that any delay to moving into your new homes will be disappointing, but we need to ensure we build homes that meet the relevant regulations.

We will update you, in late October or early November, once any new building safety requirements have been published, about any impact these have on the approved scheme, if any, and what they might mean to the timescale of the Estate Transformation.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please, as always, contact the New Barnsbury team on 020 8709 9172, alternatively you can email them at best@newlon.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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