

RESIDENT NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025



WE'VE SUBMITTED A PLANNING APPLICATION

We're delighted to have submitted the revised planning application to Islington Council in June 2025 to deliver 1,140 new homes for New Barnsbury.

We're proud that 78% of residents who supported our proposals in the latest independent opinion research – proof that the vision for New Barnsbury is truly a shared one. We need more support to get the application approved.

Turn to page 7 to see how you can help.

You can view the application on the Council's website by searching 'P2025/1765/OUT' here: <https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/islington>.

If you need help to access the online application contact Jane Cass or Dominique Stephenson and they can take you through the application. A model of the proposed development is also available at the BEST office.

We presented the final designs to residents at the summer party on Thursday 3 July and to the wider estate on Saturday 5 July.

You can view the proposals on the Better Barnsbury website here: <https://betterbarnsbury.org.uk/our-consultation-workso-far/>



SUMMER PARTY

Sunshine and celebrations at Barnsbury



This year's summer party was a fantastic opportunity to come together, celebrate the latest planning submission and enjoy some well-earned fun with the community.

Held in the community centre garden, with 133 residents joining us, the afternoon was filled with food and festivities. A pizza truck and ice cream van served up tasty treats, while a range of activities kept everyone entertained — from arts and crafts hosted by Niartfreedom to face painting and a magician full of surprises.

We were also joined by coaches from the London Lions, who led energetic basketball sessions for residents of all ages, guiding them through dribbling, passing and shooting drills.

Residents had the chance to view the planning proposals submitted in June and vote for their preferred MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) design, which will be included as part of the development.

At the end of the event, we held a raffle where several lucky residents collected their prizes – but a few remain unclaimed. If you still have your raffle ticket, please contact Dominique by 1 September 2025 to arrange delivery.

Take a look at some of our favourite moments from the day.



A brilliant turnout for our resident summer party.



Guests joined us to see the final designs now submitted with the planning application.



Smiles, colour and creativity – face painting was a big hit at the resident summer party.



Nothing says summer like an ice cream van – a favourite stop at our resident party.



Smiles all round with face painting and balloon art.



Residents amazed by the magician's tricks.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT BARNSBURY



FAMILY FUN DAY

When: Friday 29 August, 11am - 3pm, at the community centre

Enjoy a packed day of hair braiding, henna art, temporary tattoos for kids, balloon twisting, face painting, a bouncy castle, and a penalty shootout.

There'll be food, drinks and snacks to keep you going, and don't miss your chance to win a prize in the raffle at the end.

Everyone's welcome – bring your friends, family and neighbours!

It will also be another chance to see the development proposals if you missed out previously and meet local street artist Stazzy who will be showcasing three MUGA designs for residents (please see page 8) – some of which you may have seen at the summer party. You'll have the opportunity to chat with the team and vote for your favourite design.

COPENHAGEN STREET HOARDING WORKSHOPS @ BARNSBURY COMMUNITY CENTRE

When: COMING SOON

Niartfreedom returns this autumn offering workshops for Barnsbury Estate residents to create pieces of art work in the form of a family crest to cover the existing hoarding on Copenhagen Street. You're welcome to come along on your own or with family and friends.

GCSE SCIENCE TUTORING SESSIONS

When: Mondays or Wednesdays in the community centre at 6pm, starting week commencing 8 September 2025.

A local resident from the estate is offering free GCSE Science tutoring sessions for Barnsbury Estate residents.

The sessions are aimed at 14-16-year-olds in Key Stage 4. Newlon has agreed free use of the community hall and the sessions are completely free of charge.

Tutoring will focus on core science subjects, with the tutor keen to understand individual pain points before sessions begin.

Lessons will include past paper practice, study skills, and strategies to help build confidence.

To register interest email or call:
barnsbury@newlon.org.uk
0207 833 2525

HAVE YOUR SAY

Do you have any events you would like to take place? Or any additional comments on the proposals at Barnsbury? Let us know what is important to you and get in touch.



Some good news from the BEST team

We have been working hard to help residents who are either over-crowded and/or have medical issues, so their home does not meet their needs.

To date, as properties become empty on the Estate, we have been able to help 6 households from Old Barnsbury and 16 households from New Barnsbury move into homes that better meet their needs.

We will continue to help as many residents as we can, so it is vital that our records are up to date. Please let us know if there have been any changes in your circumstances, whether it be household members or health issues.

What you can see at the BEST office

The new updated 3D Estate model is now available to view at the BEST Office. This gives you a visual overview of the redevelopment based on the updated planning application recently submitted. Please drop in to take a look.

Also, if you would like to review any of the planning documents, these are available to view at the BEST Office. Please contact us to make an appointment and let us know if there is anything specific you would like to see, so we can make sure it is ready for you.



Barnsbury Estate Residents' Mutual Exchange Register is LIVE!

It's simple!

- Complete a registration form with details of your current home and what you are looking for in a new home. Only the property details will be entered on to the register for viewing.
- Attend one of our monthly drop-in surgeries at the BEST Office, the last Wednesday of every month between 10am & 11am or 3pm & 4pm to view the register, email us at BEST@newlon.org.uk or call us on 020 8709 9172 for more information.
- The BEST Team will provide you with the contact details of the resident whose property you are interested in upon request.
- If an exchange is agreed, obtain the Application Forms from the BEST Office, or via email, which will need to be completed by all parties and sent to our Homes & Lettings Team for processing.
- Exchanges are not restricted to a straight swap; it is possible to arrange a 3 or more home swap if all parties agree.
- This Register is dedicated to Barnsbury Estate Residents and Barnsbury Estate Homes only

COMMERCIAL OCCUPIERS

Caledonian Road

The updated masterplan was submitted to Islington Council in June 2025, with a planning committee expected in November 2025. Once a decision has been made, we will be able to provide commercial occupiers with a clearer timeline for the development of Phase 2.

Newlon and Mount Anvil are committed to working closely with Islington Council to support businesses with relocation where needed.

Please look out for invitations to our drop-in event taking place in early autumn. This will be an opportunity for commercial occupiers to meet the Mount Anvil and Newlon teams and ask any questions about the future plans for the commercial units.

SOURCE PARTNERSHIP

You can still get free and independent advice from Source Partnership,

Source Partnership is your Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisor for the Barnsbury redevelopment and refurbishment.

They hold a monthly drop-in on the last Wednesday of every month, from 4pm to 6pm at Barnsbury Community Centre.

The next drop-in will take place on:

27 August 2025

24 September 2025

29 October 2025

If you would like to book an appointment or wish to discuss anything privately with Source, you can contact them by calling 020 8299 2550, freephone 0800 616328 or by emailing info@sourcepartnership.com

MAKERS & MENTORS WORK EXPERIENCE

Our next Work Experience placement programme, for 15-19 year olds, at Mount Anvil will take place in October 2025.

The work experience will comprise a whole week at Mount Anvil, and the chance for successful applicants to work across all teams in the business. We'd love to have you there!

Contact Dominique on 07467 993 470 or email dstephenson@mountanvil.com

To register your interest if you would like a chance to take part.



Residents who need adaptations in their new home

We have been identifying residents who will need a wheelchair accessible home or those who will require their new home adapted to meet their needs such as a level access shower. The BEST Team will be in touch with those residents before the end of August 2025 to discuss the specific adaptations and needs, which will then enable us to discuss an indicative allocation with you.

IMPORTANT! If you are currently in an adapted property or are waiting for adaptations made, please get in touch with the BEST Team to make sure our information is up to date and accurate.

NEW BARNSBURY ADVISORY PANEL (NBAP)

We now have eight New Barnsbury Advisory Panel members – but we're looking for more residents to help shape the future of your New Barnsbury community. The panel meets once a month.

We're especially keen to hear from residents living in Amory House, Charlotte Terrace, Crispe House, Ewen House, Kenwick House, Ritson House, Redmond House and Venn House.

Your current members are:

- Nadia - Aldrick
- Dritan - Molton
- Amina - Mavor
- Ayan - Mavor
- Pauline - Adrian
- Saron - Jocelin
- Riham - Messiter
- Chris - Thorpe



Become a member and you'll receive:

- A £30 voucher for each meeting you attend
- Early access to updates on our plans
- The chance to share your thoughts and discuss progress on the New Barnsbury estate transformation
- An opportunity to influence key decisions and improvements

If you're interested in joining, please speak to any of the current New Barnsbury Advisory Panel members, or contact Dominique:

Dominique Stephenson

✉ dstephenson@mountanvil.com

☎ 07467 993 470



We need your support!

Show your support for the latest New Barnsbury planning application by completing one of our support cards, which you can collect at the Community Centre.

You can return a physical copy to us at by posting it in the box at the community centre or submit your comments directly to Islington Council by viewing and commenting on the application online. Scan the QR code below to visit the website.

You can pick up your card from the community centre and let Dominique know once you've completed it and she will arrange to collect it from you.

Dominique: 07467 993470 / dstephenson@mountanvil.com

Every voice counts – your support is vital to help bring the next phase of New Barnsbury to life.



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GET IN TOUCH



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Carnegie Street MUGA design models