



WEST HENDON REGENERATION

NEWSLETTER FROM RESIDENTS' INDEPENDENT ADVISOR

March 2015

Programme and Partnership Board update

Programme update

The construction of the 71 new homes in Gadwall House and Bullfinch House (Block G) being built in Perryfield Way is due to finish at the end of March 2015 and residents are expected to move in throughout April/May 2015.

The construction site near Marriotts Close (Block E) will have new apartments available from the second half of 2015 and remains on programme. The foundations have been laid and the main concrete frame is being constructed.

Partnership Board

The West Hendon partnership board is composed of partners such as the Council, Barnet Homes, Metropolitan Housing Trust and Barratt London together with resident and community representatives. There are currently two vacancies for residents / community representatives. If you would like to find out more, please contact Robert Webb, the Residents Independent Advisor for West Hendon (see RIA contact details section)



Resident members of the
West Hendon Partnership Board left to right:

Jasmin Parsons, Derrick Chung, Judy Lynch, Father John Hawkins (Chair), Louise Bates (Vice-Chair) and Chris Delaney.

CPO1 (Compulsory Purchase Order 1) public inquiry update

A public inquiry into CPO1 at West Hendon was held between 20th and 30th January 2015. Many residents and also local Councillors made statements to the inquiry most of which addressed the following issues:

- Rehousing options for non-secure tenants
- The valuations offer to leaseholders and access to the shared equity option
- Communications
- Past commitments by the Council

It is not possible to predict how long it will be for the Inspector to publish her findings; the report will be [presented to the Secretary of State for a decision. It could be that we don't hear anything for some time but we will keep residents informed when the Secretary of State's decision is made known.

Next Open Meeting

The next open meeting of the partnership board will take place on Monday 13th April 2015 at the West Hendon Community Centre from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m.

All residents are very welcome to attend. Items for discussion include:

- Decanting (rehousing) of secure and non-secure tenants
- Leaseholder valuations
- Mortgage transfer (Shared Equity)
- Use of Guardians to occupy empty properties



If you would like advice or information about the West Hendon regeneration scheme, you can contact the Residents Independent Advisor by phone, email or the internet as follows:

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West Hendon Community Trust Fund

Barratt Metropolitan LLP is establishing a West Hendon Community Trust Fund.

Trustees of the fund, whom will come from a variety of backgrounds and have direct connections to West Hendon, will decide which bids put forward by the community the fund should support. The Community Trust Fund will have defined objectives, approved by the charities commission, which will aim to support:

- The advancement of education and training
- The provision of advice on money management
- The provision of grants to provide facilities to improve the quality of life, including childcare
- The promotion of public safety and the prevention of crime
- Fostering an enterprising community

For more information about the West Hendon Community Trust Fund, including if you are interested in becoming a Trustee, please contact Despina Loizou at Metropolitan on 020-353-3101 or email: Despina.Loizou@metropolitan.org.uk



Home Start Barnet is a local charity which offers support to families, and is part of a national charity called Home Start UK. We recruit and train local people to become volunteers, to support families in situations as diverse as isolation, bereavement, multiple births, illness, disability, or who are just finding parenting a struggle.

The volunteers are matched to families and visit them at home for up to three hours a week. They provide non-judgemental practical and emotional support, and help build the family's confidence and ability to cope. In order to access this service you must live in Barnet and have at least one child under 5.

They also have a service called Community Coaching which can be accessed by young people up to the age of 25, or families who have children aged up to 25 living at home. This service offers up to 12 sessions with a volunteer coach and aims to support individuals/families to focus on specific issues such as housing, debt, budgeting, healthy eating, return to work/education.

You can refer yourself, or you can ask for a support agency to refer you. If you aren't sure if the service is right for you, just pick up the phone and call Home Start on 020 8371 0674. Referral forms are on [Home Start's website](http://www.homestartbarnet.org)

Volunteering in Barnet through CommUNITY Barnet & Barnet Timebank

Volunteering can add a great deal to your life and the lives of those for whom you volunteer. It offers you a chance to become involved in a project or with an organisation, as well as an opportunity to meet new and like-minded people. It also provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge, which may lead on to new career options. In some circumstances, volunteering is also a way for some tenants who are seeking rehousing to increase their rehousing banding - speak to the Housing Options team at Barnet Homes for more information about this.

CommUNITY Barnet is the umbrella organisation for the local voluntary and community sector (VCS) in Barnet. They are a membership organisation and represent voluntary and community groups, charities and faith groups across the borough. Their mission is to help ensure Barnet has a thriving, sustainable and vibrant voluntary sector.

Barnet Timebank, supported by Barnet Homes, is based in four areas of Barnet - East Finchley, North Finchley, East Barnet and High Barnet. The project allows you to exchange time and skills without the use of money. For every hour you 'deposit' in a Timebank, perhaps by giving practical help and support to others, you are able to 'withdraw' equivalent support in time when you, yourself are in need. In each case you decide what you can offer. For example, if you donate two hours of your time assisting a member of the Timebank with their shopping, in return you could receive two hours' worth of help with your gardening. Timebanking is a great way for the community to come together and help each other.

To find out more about becoming a member of CommUNITY Barnet, you can phone them on 020 8364 8400 ext.209 or visit them at their main office at 7th Floor Barnet House, 1255 High Road, London N20 0EJ.

To get involved with Barnet Timebank you can visit them every Wednesday from 2-3pm at Coffee Republic, 778 High Road, North Finchley, London N12 9QR. Alternatively you can email them at barnet@timebanks.co.uk.



Guardians

Barnet Homes have appointed a company called Umbrella who provide a 'guardian' service to occupy vacant flats due for demolition in the near future. Umbrella provide fully vetted property guardians to ensure that individual properties are well looked after and the estate as a whole remains safe and presentable. At the moment, this applies only to properties in Franklin House, 11-98 Marriotts Close and 1-32 Tyrell Way which have been vacated. Metropolitan Housing Trust also own several properties at West Hendon and they also use guardians but from a different company called Global Guardians.

As flats become empty, the guardian company will try to find an occupant for the flats who will then move out when the developers need vacant possession. If you have any questions about this, or want to check that someone moving into a neighbouring flat is in fact a recognised 'guardian', you can call Umbrella on 020 8203 6624 or email them at office@umbrellaguardians.com.

West Hendon Residents' Association

West Hendon Residents' Association (WHRA) will be present at the Open meeting. WHRA represents residents on housing issues that are Barnet Homes' responsibility, including internal and external repairs and other housing and estate management issues. Look out for publicity about WHRA's upcoming meetings.

Construction issues

As part of its programme of regular communication with residents, which includes monthly construction newsletters, Barratt London have set up a Construction Working Group as a forum for residents to discuss construction activities and programme with the construction team. If you are interested in being part of a regular forum to meet the construction team, learn about what is happening on the site or ask any questions or raise concerns then you would be very welcome.

The next two meetings are on Thursday 19th March and Thursday 16th April 2015 at 189, The Broadway from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. To register your interest or to find out more, please email info@west-hendon.co.uk or call 0845 460 6011.

For any queries, complaints or comments about the construction works, please contact the site manager, Sury Patel, on 020 8238 8761 or Nathan Smith, Barratt London Project Manager, on 07876 576820.

Contractors' working hours for the main regeneration works are Monday to Friday 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m and Saturday 8.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.



Translations

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