

EBURY BRIDGE

NEWS

BRINGING YOU THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF EBURY BRIDGE



MORE STORAGE FOR ONE BIG FAMILY

To support the excellent work of Mike and his team, we have provided the estate's community food bank One Big Family with extra storage for dry foods as shown by volunteer Richard above.

We've also supported the gardening club in the relocation of the pond at the rear of Hillersdon House to behind Doneraile House. Contact Mike at mike@helpingthehomeless.org.uk

UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS

Westminster City Council is still working hard to support residents, including the most vulnerable, during this crisis.

The Government has provided updated guidance. Please continue to only leave your home for essential journeys and for work if you can't work from home. Avoid public transport if possible and keep 2m away from anyone you don't live with where possible.

Visit our webpage for the latest updates: westminster.gov.uk/coronavirus

Email westminsterconnects@westminster.gov.uk or call **020 7641 1222** if you need help, or you know of anyone who needs help as a result of Covid-19.

The Regeneration Base will remain closed until further notice. In the meantime, you can get in touch by calling or emailing us with the details on the back of this newsletter.

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DELIVERING NEW HOMES QUICKER

We recently wrote to Bridge, Westbourne, Rye Houses residents about changes to the phasing of the scheme and to begin the conversation about moving earlier.

This change will enable over 100 new homes to be built up to two years earlier. We've put together a suite of options that will support each household through their moves and we will help

to minimise disruption as much as possible.

If you live in one of these blocks and would like to discuss your options, please call us for free on **0800 011 3467**. Please be assured that this is only the start of the process and we will work with each household over the coming months to help them with this process.

THANKS FOR YOUR VIEWS ON REVISED DESIGNS

We're very grateful for all views provided during our consultation around the comprehensive redevelopment of Ebury Bridge Estate. We closed our exhibition space as a precaution, but continued the conversation in other ways.

Over 2,000 conversations took place in person, online, telephone and post, about half of which came from Ebury Bridge Estate residents during our extended consultation.

We also held a webinar on 23 April where lead architect Richard Hyams outlined the plans, with viewers able to submit questions and comments to the project team. Visit the news section of eburybridge.org to view a recording of the webinar.

We'll submit a planning application in the Summer. Local people will then be contacted during the statutory consultation period.






“The plans are very positive. I especially like the modern design. I support what you're doing, it's fantastic. The council should install some art around the estate.”

“I'm very happy with the new homes designs.”

“Wonderful proposal, very much look forward to its implementation.”

HOW YOU FELT

Local residents told us how positive, informed and engaged and they felt about the revised plans. Of those surveyed:

-  **71%** of people said they felt positive about the proposals
-  **69%** of people said they felt well informed
-  **59%** of people said they felt well engaged



David Thompson is the Ebury Bridge Renewal Project Director at Westminster City Council

“Thanks to everyone who joined our conversation on renewing Ebury. We focused on estate residents', very near neighbours', and more distant neighbourhoods' views of the revised plans. We used post, online and social media to ensure the consultation was comprehensive following lockdown. Folks are pleased overall with the amends since last autumn. We intend to submit the application in July and expect a decision before the end of 2020. We look forward to delivering a truly outstanding estate.”

ENFORCING PARKING RULES

We've been concerned to see an increase in unauthorised parking on the estate. It's hugely disruptive as it risks blocking access for emergency services and residents.

To combat this, the council is introducing parking enforcement on the estate to tackle the issue. This will include issuing parking tickets as well as on-site security enforcing rules during day and night patrols.

Parking permits will still be provided for disabled residents. There'll also be a dedicated parking area for contractors. We're installing bollards on the grass behind Victoria and Westbourne Houses to prevent unauthorised parking. Vehicle access will only be at the main entrance near Cheylesmore. We encourage people with concerns about unauthorised parking to contact us.

BOUYGUES UK TO BUILD FIRST PHASE OF NEW EBURY



Construction company Bouygues UK has won a contract to design and build the first phase of the new Ebury Bridge.

Work will start later this year and, subject to planning approval, commence building new homes in 2021. This will be the largest development of new council and affordable homes in the south of Westminster in a generation.

Bouygues UK will also bring wide-ranging investment in jobs, community development and health programmes to benefit local people in Westminster.

Cllr Melvyn Caplan, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Regeneration for Westminster City Council said:

“In partnership with the residents of Ebury Bridge, we've taken forward the renewal of the estate and the signing of this contract is a significant milestone in this journey. The much needed new homes built as part of the scheme will contribute to our target of 1,850 homes over the next three years.

We want the Ebury Bridge renewal scheme to create a new high standard in estate regeneration and we're looking forward to working with Bouygues UK in making this vision a reality.”

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE ESTATE

We continue to implement safe working practices while work takes place. We're liaising with residents and contractors to ensure any concerns are dealt with. The projects include:

- ▶ HA Marks are the contractors delivering the new Ebury Edge community space. Due to supply chain issues faced during the coronavirus, their work was delayed. The contractor is looking at working extra hours so that they can make up this time lost.
- ▶ There have been promising early results from the contractors carrying out the drilling to see if a high-tech green energy system could work at the new estate. Project Dewatering's rig will shortly move to the north of the estate before the works finish soon.
- ▶ JF Hunt are continuing Phase One preparatory work.



Cllr Melvyn Caplan speaks with contractors

A GREENER EBURY BRIDGE

As part of our commitment to improving air quality and creating a greener Ebury Bridge, we are installing green hoarding on the site where work is taking place.

These green hoardings will be made up of plants and herbs that help to improve air quality whilst protecting residents from the work and noise. Bug hotels will also be installed to help encourage biodiversity.

TELL US WHAT EVENTS YOU WANT



Following the success of last summer's free beach event, we want to hold similar community events when it becomes safe within government guidance.

Email or call us with your ideas for future events, so we can again celebrate our community.

JOIN THE CFG

We're asking estate residents to join the Community Futures Group. This is our resident led steering group which acts as a sounding board for the scheme, a voice for residents to raise issues and hold us to account for promises made to residents.

As we move further towards submitting a planning application, we'd like more people to shape the new neighbourhood. Get in touch if you're interested.

Independent Advice

Communities First provide free independent and confidential advice to tenants and leaseholders. You can call them for free on **0300 365 7150** or email **ebury@communitiesfirst.uk.com**

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