

# DARWIN HOUSE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

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Bringing you the latest news from the neighbourhood of Darwin House



Wates Project Manager on a site visit with Councillor Matt Noble, WCC Director of Development and Head of Development

## PROGRESS FROM THE SITE

**S**ince the ground breaking event in April, the site at Balmoral Castle and Darwin House has seen a huge influx in activity.

Piling operations concluded fully at the end of May. Wates undertook this vital piece of work which saw the pile foundations be driven into the ground to form the foundation for the new block. Once the piling rig was safely removed from the site, we welcomed the tower crane into the site boundary, making way for the next part of construction to begin.

Over the past few weeks ground works have been progressing well. The pouring of the ground floor slab has completed, along with the rebar formwork walls being poured. The rebar acts as a reinforcement within the structure of the new building.

The hoarding line has been repositioned slightly to allow for the new access road to Darwin House to be reinstated for use. Keep an eye out for our next issue for further updates from the site.

## COME ALONG TO OUR CONTRACTOR COFFEE MORNING!

**W**e are delighted to invite residents along to Wates' first coffee morning as the main build contractor. Our last coffee morning focused on the demolition phase of works, so if you would like to know more about the main build phase, come along, grab a cuppa, and pick the brains of your Wates and the Westminster team.

**Darwin Contractor Coffee Morning**  
 Wednesday 2 August 2023  
 11am to 1pm  
 Churchill Gardens Hall  
 SW1V 4NA



# GET TO KNOW YOUR RESIDENT LIAISON OFFICER (RLO)

**What brought you to this job?** I'm very much a 'people person.' I enjoy meeting new people and building good relationships with our residents. I'm also very passionate about construction, I feel having the combination of the two gives me a good understanding in construction processes which enables me to explain construction works to residents who may not be familiar with some of the technical references we use.

**How will your job support residents around the building site?** Wates have very strong social value commitments, we engage with the local community in several areas, through local schools, colleges, youth groups, charities, and local resident associations. It is our commitment to improve the communities we work in and create a legacy; we look to support and assist community groups in any way we can. I'm currently volunteering for Age UK, and I visit someone once a week. I really enjoy these visits and love that we can make a positive impact on people's lives.

**What motivates you to do a great job each day?** Being the first point of contact for the residents is my motivation. I understand the difficulties that residents may experience during construction works, I always aim to respond to residents promptly and will endeavour to resolve any problems or issues that may arise.

**What's a typical day like in your job?** A typical day would start on site to catch up with progress on works, respond to any resident queries, planning and organising community events, attending site meetings, drafting letters/newsletters. I also support another project in Baker Street, so my week is split between the two sites, no two days are ever the same!



**What's next at Darwin?** We have organised a Contractor Coffee Morning for the summer to reintroduce Wates as the main build contractor for the development. Come along and have a chat with the team!

**What's the best way to get hold of you?** You can reach me by telephone on **079 9940 7318** or email **Sinead.king@wates.co.uk**

## WE ARE OPENING FOUR NEW HOUSING SERVICE CENTRES

**T**he first of four new Housing Service Centres was officially opened on Monday on the Mozart estate in Queens Park. Residents will be able to drop in and speak face-to-face with the housing team about a range of issues including repairs and maintenance, or to seek advice if they need support with paying their bills. Find out more our new housing centre.

The centre on the Mozart Estate, Bruckner Street, in Queen's Park was the first initial rollout, three further facilities in Pimlico, Bayswater and Soho will be opened in the coming months ensuring residents across the borough benefit from the support our housing team has to offer. Find out more here: [www.westminster.gov.uk/news/four-new-service-centres](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/news/four-new-service-centres)

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