

EBURY BRIDGE

NEWS



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A working concept image

THE MAKING OF MEANWHILE (AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN)

Since we last presented proposals for the Meanwhile Use space back in January, the team have been listening to your feedback to put together uses and facilities requested by the Ebury Bridge community. Once Edgson House is completely down late this summer work will begin on the Meanwhile Use space, with construction expected to complete early in 2020.

Whilst the details are being discussed by partners Meanwhile Space and Jan Kattein Architects, we are incorporating the feedback we've had from residents and the Community Futures Group (CFG) over the past year and we will continue to consult with you. The current Meanwhile Use designs propose:

- ▶ A landmark feature
- ▶ The reversion of a community space with community cafe, allowing a range of activities

- ▶ Space for the community gardening project
- ▶ At least seven commercial/retail units
- ▶ Studio/workspaces

Whilst these designs are currently in draft, we are meeting with local neighbours and stakeholders over the coming weeks to ensure the Meanwhile Use is the best it can possibly be, while putting Ebury residents at the heart of these proposals. We will ensure you see the benefits of the site, over the next two to four years.

But, there's more! Whilst construction of the Meanwhile Use takes place, we will be setting up a temporary winter market for the end of the year. Known as 'Ebury Lights', we are planning a range of activities during the festive period for residents and the wider community. More details will follow in the coming months, but everything from gingerbread making to ice skating is currently being considered. Keep reading our newsletter for more information.

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SINCE THE LAST ISSUE

- ▶ Detailed design workshops have taken place
- ▶ Residents have been updated about the planned phasing of works
- ▶ Easter activities have taken place on the estate
- ▶ New retailers have opened on Ebury Bridge Road
- ▶ Update sessions have now been completed



RESIDENTS TAKE THE LEAD DESIGNING THE DETAILS OF THEIR NEW ESTATE

The Ebury Bridge Community Engagement Team, along with the rest of the project team, are consulting with residents on a wide range of design proposals for your new estate. Starting with placemaking, the team have met with households from across the estate to understand exactly what's important to you.

The first session used interactive material to get feedback about masterplan principles and the public space on the estate. Through this first session we found that:

- ▶ Access around Ebury – Warwick Way and Ranelagh Gardens are used a lot locally.
- ▶ Public squares – You told us that squares should be spread throughout the new estate and link with community events and events taking place in the local area. The proposed forest school proved popular and space for socialising was recommended.
- ▶ Multi use games area (MUGA) – The new MUGA should be designed with people of all ages in mind.
- ▶ Types of play spaces – Natural play areas are seen as something to be included within a community square, whilst a playground could be included in a health and wellbeing square.

Sessions will be continuing into June and July. Invitations will be sent out to all residents so come along and get your voice heard.

INDEPENDENT TENANT AND LEASEHOLD ADVISOR RETENDER PROCESS

As we updated in previous newsletters, the contract for the Independent Tenant and Leasehold Advisor (ITLA) is currently being retendered. The retendering process is now underway and we have three Ebury Bridge residents involved to make sure the new ITLA fits the community's needs - all three of whom say they're thoroughly enjoying the experience! The process is still ongoing but the new contractor will start in early July 2019.

We will bring you further updates in the next newsletter.

NLA EXHIBITION

The Ebury Bridge Renewal project has been selected for the New London Architects' latest publication **Public Housing: A London Renaissance**. The document includes a timeline of the changing face of public housing, the history of local authorities' involvement in housing projects and profiles regeneration estates from across London.

Ebury Bridge features in a double page spread, explaining the plans for the scheme and how the council has worked with residents to create an estate that benefits everyone.

To read the full article, as well as the rest of *A London Renaissance*, sign up for the NLA's free e-newsletter by visiting mailchi.mp/nlalondon/phdownload



RETAIL UPDATE – SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW NEIGHBOURS!

As you may have spotted, there are some new arrivals to the shopfronts on Ebury Bridge Road. Hairdressers **Hair Privé** and bespoke hatmakers **Ian Bennett Millinery** have recently opened for business in the vacant shop units following refurbishment works.

In addition, the Community Engagement Team are preparing to open **The Studio** at 9 Ebury Bridge Road, a new consultation space to get your views on the exciting proposals we're putting forward. Once open, **The Studio** will be used until at least the end of the year, look out for more updates in future newsletters.



ASK THE TEAM

Following some concerns raised by residents, the team would like to take this opportunity to clarify some misleading rumors circulating around the estate. If you or a neighbour have heard anything you're worried or unsure about, please visit us at the Regeneration Base or call **0800 011 3467**.

Q: I've heard there's a tender out for the new estate but there's been no mention of it in the newsletter. Is this true?

A: Westminster City Council has issued a Prior Information Notice (PIN) ahead of an invitation to tender. This is a standard part of the procurement process, alerting the market to a project up to a year before tenders open for submission. A PIN gives the council an insight into how developers have reacted to the proposals. In addition, an Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) notice has gone out to begin the procurement process for taking down properties in phase 1. This is a very early stage in proceedings but we will update you in future newsletters.

TELL US YOUR VIEWS ABOUT THE PLANS FOR THE MEANWHILE SPACE ON THE ESTATE

We are proposing to create a temporary space on the estate – a meanwhile space – to help meet community needs while the estate is rebuilt. The space would be multi-use and could have a community café and space for shops. Following a series of consultations with residents over the last year, we'd now like to know what you think about the design plans. Come and tell us by attending our drop-in exhibition at the Regeneration Base (15 – 19 Ebury Bridge Road, London, SW1W 8QX) on 30th May between 3.30 – 7.30pm.

MEET THE TEAM KASHIF TAHER

The Ebury Bridge Renewal Project welcomes a new face to the team this month.



Kashif Taher has become the newest member of the Ebury Bridge Engagement Team as a Community Engagement Coordinator. Kashif is passionate about working on projects which deliver for the community and will be supporting the ongoing community consultations as plans for the renewal of Ebury Bridge progress. Before joining us, Kashif spent time working for a number of communications agencies, engaging with different audiences to affect positive change, as well as MPs in London and his native Manchester.

RSVP TO THE WORNINGTON GREEN ESTATE TRIP

The Community Engagement Team have organised an estate tour to the Wornington Green estate, a renewal project in Notting Hill on Saturday 1st June, 10am–1.30pm. This will continue to assist conversations about what you do and don't want to see at the new Ebury Bridge estate. There'll be a presentation about the Wornington Green scheme, a tour of outside spaces and a near complete home as well as opportunities to speak to residents from the estate.

Transport and lunch is provided free of charge. Places are limited, so please email ktaher@westminster.gov.uk or call **0800 0113 467** if you'd like to attend.

NOMINATE A LOCAL HERO FOR A #MYWESTMINSTER COMMUNITY AWARD

The #MyWestminster Community Awards are back, and Westminster City Council are looking for nominations for deserving individuals or organisations that have made a difference to Westminster.

The #MyWestminster Community Awards celebrates community life in the city. The awards profile the importance of voluntary contributions as well as the community action and acts of kindness that make Westminster a great place to live.

Let us know you've nominated by using #CommunityAwards19 and #MyWestminster on your social media accounts.

If you know an outstanding individual or an organisation that has made life better for others by donating their time and skills, please get in touch by Friday 7th June 2019.



EDGSON HOUSE UPDATE

Following extensive preparation, work is now underway taking down Edgson House. Whilst the structure remains behind covers, the roof has now been fully removed and contractors Syd Bishop & Sons are continuing removal work throughout the building. Dust and noise levels continue to be closely monitored.

If you have any questions about the removal of Edgson House please visit the Ebury Bridge Regeneration Base or call **0800 0113 467**.

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