

# EBURY BRIDGE

## NEWS



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## INTRODUCING THE EBURY BRIDGE STUDIO!

**T**here is a new sight to see on Ebury Bridge Road – the Ebury Bridge Studio! A dedicated consultation space, The Studio will showcase the latest exciting design proposals including the Meanwhile Use space, Phase 1 blocks and the new masterplan for the Ebury Bridge Estate.

Lukas and Kashif are based at The Studio three days a week to answer any questions and talk you through our current consultations, so why not pop in for a guided tour and let us know what you think of the proposals so far.

Current opening times for The Studio are:

- ▶ Monday 11am – 3pm
- ▶ Wednesday 3.30 – 6.30pm
- ▶ Friday 11am – 3pm – with coffee and cake!

Don't worry, the Ebury Bridge Regeneration Base remains open as usual and the team are here to support you throughout the regeneration.

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### SINCE THE LAST ISSUE

- ▶ Worked with CFG to finalise Community Charter
- ▶ Meanwhile Use planning application submitted
- ▶ ITLA retender concluded
- ▶ Welcomed new members to the CFG
- ▶ Planning for the end of Summer party
- ▶ Relocations Team has continued support for Phase 1 residents



## MEANWHILE USE UPDATE

**J**an Kettein Architects have now submitted a planning application for the Meanwhile Use space. We continue to consult on how the spaces will be used (see over the page for how you can get involved), whilst the overall design has been submitted for planning.

The Meanwhile Use (pictured above) will include a landmark feature, community space (including a community café), the community gardening project, workspaces and seven commercial/retail units. Subject to permission being granted, construction of the Meanwhile Use will begin once the Edgson House site has been fully cleared in October, with an expected completion date of Spring 2020.



## RETAIL UPDATE

Leonora Couture has recently opened at 25 Ebury Bridge Road. Specialising in custom bridal and evening dress, the shop is open 9am – 5pm throughout the week.

Stop by to find out more about dresses for a special occasion!

## POPUP BUSINESS SCHOOL: 8<sup>TH</sup>–19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019

Anyone can start a business; what most people need is to be shown how – and PopUp Business School has the answers. Rather than preach the importance of business plans, company structures and loan funding, PopUp Business School offers practical advice on how to start a business for free and make money doing what you love. The course is free, thanks to sponsorship from the council, and takes place at the Soho Centre from 8<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July (weekdays, 10am – 3pm). Register for free at [popupbusinessschool.co.uk/westminster](http://popupbusinessschool.co.uk/westminster). Places are limited, so booking is essential.



## WE ARE LISTENING

**T**he Community Engagement Team are currently consulting on two exciting topics, so make sure you take this opportunity to influence your future estate.

The placeshaping consultation asks what you want to see in the open spaces on the new estate, with everything from public art to water features suggested. Now's the time to tell us your ideas for the best public space for the Ebury community!

'Meanwhile', the meanwhile use consultation remains open for your views on how the space where Edgson House is will be used. We want to know what will be the best fit for you – whether that be a social club for older residents, a farmers market or something never suggested before.

The team will be going door-to-door to find out what you'd like to see through the week, or pop into the Regeneration Base or The Studio at a time that suits you.



## A FOND FAREWELL TO THE CFG'S STEPHEN RUSBRIDGE

**T**his month, Community Futures Group (CFG) member Stephen Rusbridge took the decision to stand down from the group after almost two years with the CFG. Stephen has been a long-term contributor, ensuring resident voices from across the estate have been heard and their concerns raised at every step of the way. In leaving, Stephen provided this account of his time with the group:



I joined the CFG in October 2017, at the beginning of this regeneration process. The group was formed to hold the council to account, to take them to task, to challenge them at every stage of the process. Given the failure of the previous scheme, and the outcry this caused, it was especially important for residents to have a strong representative voice.

The progress made in that time has been immense – the development scenario was decided and approved and residents have been able to feed into every stage of this - the council and the architects have listened and taken on board a whole host of suggestions and recommendations from the people who live on Ebury and from people who will be returning to the estate.

I am confident that the mistakes of the past won't be repeated – they simply can't be repeated. It hasn't been a painless process – how could it be, given the scale of the project? But there are definite grounds for optimism and a genuinely bright future for Ebury.

I have decided to withdraw from the CFG after nearly two years. It's time for a fresh face and a fresh voice in the group, so I would encourage any residents to join - and with the other CFG members - continue the job of challenging, persuading, cajoling – demanding the best possible outcome for Ebury Bridge.



Both the Ebury Bridge Community Engagement Team and CFG would like to thank Stephen for all his work over the past two years. If you are interested in joining the Community Futures Group, please email [eburybridge@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:eburybridge@westminster.gov.uk), call **0800 011 3467** or visit the Regeneration Base to arrange an informal chat with the independent chair.

## PLANS FOR PHASE 1

**Y**ou may have seen some unfamiliar faces on the estate over the past few weeks. This is because we have begun preparations for taking down the Phase 1 blocks, meeting potential partners over the next few weeks.

Westminster City Council will invite specialist contractors to put forward their proposals on how best to remove the blocks in Phase 1 once they become vacant later this year. The council is committed to minimising disruption to residents remaining on the estate during Phase 1 work and we will ensure any partners selected for delivering the site share our priority of putting you at the heart of the regeneration.

Whilst some initial site visits have taken place with interested contractors, no decision will be made until the Autumn. At this point we will formally announce the partner selected and organise a drop-in session for you to ask any questions you have about the work well before they start on site.

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## CROSS ESTATES FUNDAY

The Pimlico Million Residents Association Network will be coming together to hold a Funday on the Ebury Bridge Estate on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2 – 5pm**, partnering with South West Fest, the Regeneration Team and Pimlico Toy Library.

The event is to bring together friends and neighbours to share ideas of what they would like to see happen in their community and get to know each other with some fun in the sun!



## EDGSON HOUSE UPDATE

The sixth floor of Edgson House is now almost entirely cleared, with work taking down the fifth floor starting in early July. Dust, noise and vibrations continue to be thoroughly monitored, with no issues to report this month.

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

