

# Ebury Bridge News

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## Welcome to the latest edition of Ebury Bridge News

Welcome to our refreshed Ebury Bridge News, the newsletter for tenants (both those living on site and those returning in the future), leaseholders and businesses on the Ebury Bridge estate. We promise to keep you informed throughout the process of designing options for the estate in the future. You will have received minutes from the most recent public meeting which was held on June 28 which we hope provided a helpful update.

The council is aware that the process has been frustrating for everyone and once again we apologise that it has taken so long. We remain fully committed to the renewal of Ebury Bridge and will keep everyone up to date on the latest options for the estate as these are developed with you.



## New homes and a vibrant mixed community

The council's aspirations for the estate in the future include:

- More family housing to tackle overcrowding
- More spacious homes that are modern and well-equipped
- More homes available in the future for social and intermediate rent – that is homes for people on lower and middle incomes
- A new home on the estate for any leaseholder or secure council tenant who wishes to return – upholding previous commitments the council has made
- Vibrant, mixed communities – we want people of all ages and incomes to be able to live here
- New local facilities for the community
- Shopping that meets local needs

We will work closely with you throughout the process of developing options for the future of Ebury Bridge.

Potential changes are not limited to “bricks and mortar”. Improved home environments and local facilities could also provide better health and employment opportunities for residents. Modern new homes would also help reduce fuel poverty through greater energy efficiency.

## Listening Period

We are keen to know what your priorities are for any new scheme for Ebury Bridge. Your views about the future of the estate will inform the creation of new, viable options.

We have attempted to contact all properties within the 11 blocks on the estate. For those of you who have not

been home, don't worry we will call again, and continue to visit during the morning, afternoon and evenings. However, if you would prefer to make an appointment, please get in touch with us at [eburybridge@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:eburybridge@westminster.gov.uk) or call on 0800 011 3467.

## Continuing work to re-house residents who wish to move

The Council's Rehousing Team is currently visiting all secure tenants in Bridge, Pimlico, Mercer, Dalton and Hillersdon houses, the five blocks which were identified for demolition in the 2014 planning application. Secure tenants living in these blocks who would like to move now, either off the estate permanently, or into a temporary home with a view to returning to the estate once the new homes have been built, are being given the opportunity to do so. The team will be asking the tenants if they would like to move now and if so, what their housing needs are.

## Retailers' meeting

Good local shopping that serves the needs of all communities is a vital part of any future scheme for Ebury Bridge. To understand the needs and aspirations of retailers and listen to your concerns, the council is organising an initial meeting to take place in mid-August. This will be very much a listening session to gain feedback and can be followed up by 1-1 sessions for those retailers who wish to do so.



## Ebury Community Engagement Centre – 1 Wainwright House

Our Ebury Community Engagement Centre has now opened at 1 Wainwright House, to allow residents a private space to meet officers and discuss the regeneration proposals. The Community Engagement Team is based in the centre which will be used as a drop-in facility where no appointments are required. This space replaces 3 Dalton House, which is now closed.

The Community Engagement Team are currently sharing 1 Wainwright House with Housing Options Team, who are running Housing Advice Surgeries to take place on Tuesday afternoons between 2-4pm and Thursday mornings between 10am until 12noon – starting on Tuesday 15 August.

## Ebury Bridge Community Futures Group

As we develop options for the future of Ebury Bridge we want to ensure that the views of the community are at the heart of the conversation. We will set up an Ebury Bridge Community Futures Group (EBCFG) that allows people on the estate the opportunity to shape and influence emerging proposals. The EBCFG will be a voluntary group

of tenants, leaseholders, businesses and representatives from local organisations that will meet regularly to act as the voice of the community. The group will highlight issues of concern, provide input on and constructively challenge the emerging options, suggest ideas that can be considered, ensure that everyone is fully updated

and encourage others in the community to get involved.

We all want the very best for Ebury Bridge, so please let us know if you're interested in being involved. We value community input and will fully support anyone who wishes to be part of this group.

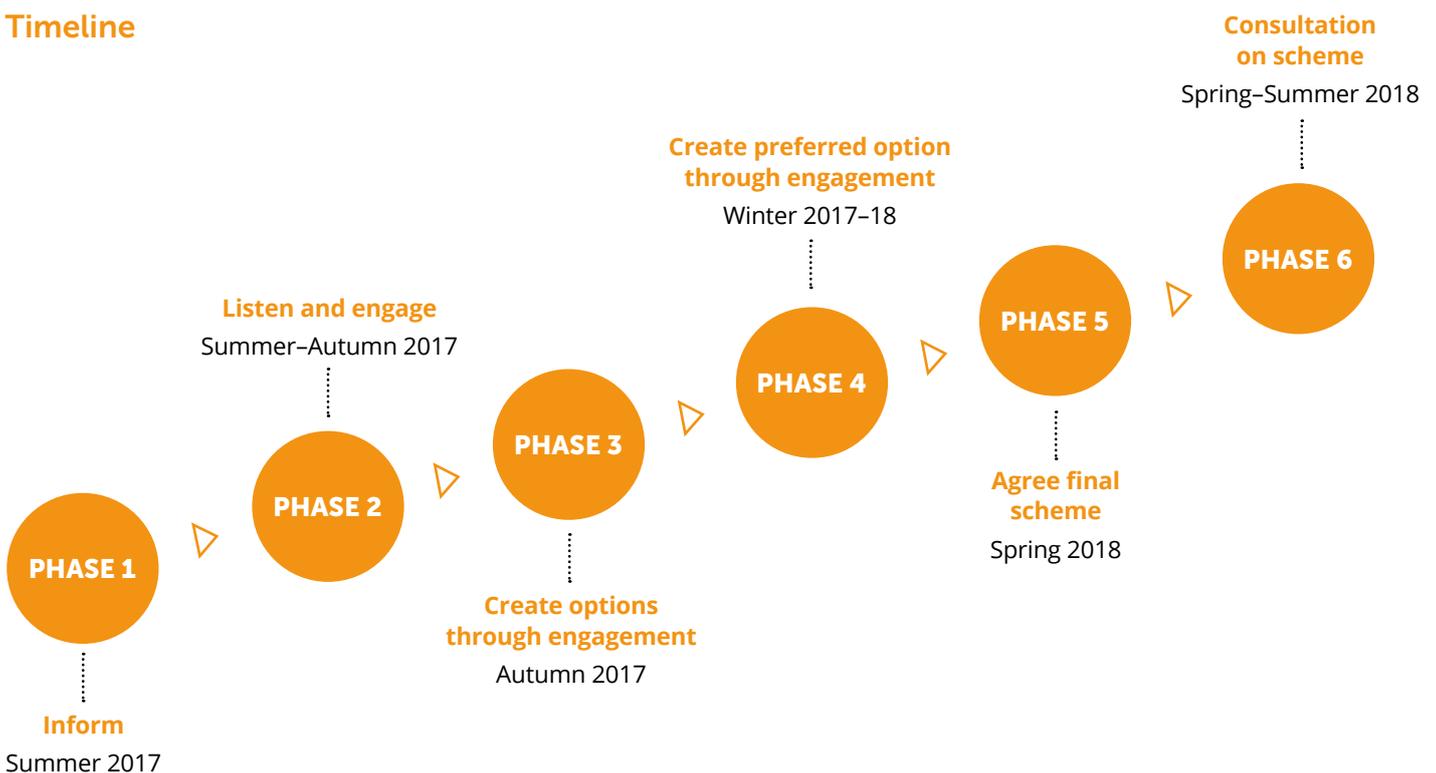
## Meet the team – Ebury Bridge Community Engagement Team

The Ebury Bridge Community Engagement Team are here to work with the community to ensure that any plans for the future of Ebury are created by the council and the community. We have already started to speak with residents on the estate and would like to hear from you. If we are yet to speak with you, why not pop into the Community Engagement Centre to say 'hi' or make an appointment for us to visit you at a time that suits you.

The Community Engagement Team work from the Ebury Community Engagement Centre at 1 Wainwright House, Ebury Bridge Estate and can be contacted on 0800 011 3467. The Community Engagement Centre is open from Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm.



## Timeline



## Contact us

Please get in touch at:

### **Ebury Community Engagement Centre**

1 Wainwright House, Ebury Bridge Estate

Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm

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