

NEW COUNCIL HOMES FOR BARONESS ROAD

WHAT'S GOING ON AND WHY

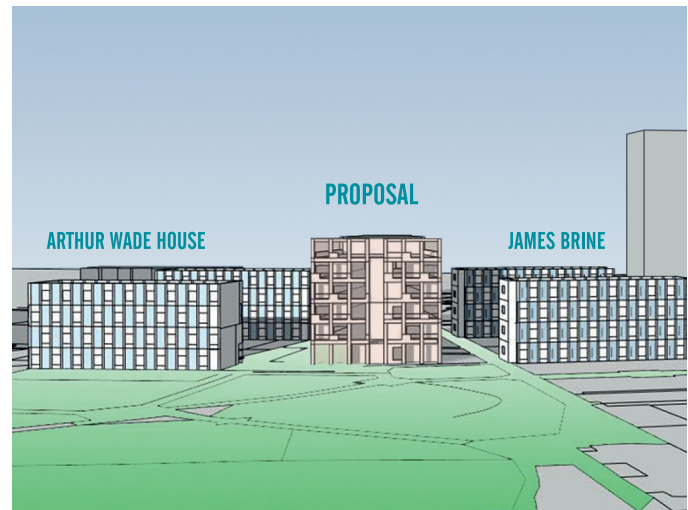
Tower Hamlets Council wants to build more homes for local people and a number of council-owned sites are being brought forward, including the Baroness Road car park on the Dorset Estate. In January we showed you proposals to build 28 council homes on the under-used space – some earmarked for people with disabilities.

Almost 20,000 local people are waiting desperately for an affordable place to live but there's very little unoccupied council land in Tower Hamlets. Building on 'in-fill' sites like the car park is one way of meeting this need.

This is one of four schemes which continues our in-fill development in areas across the borough. The council is exploring similar schemes in other locations too. All new homes for rent that we build will go to local people. This is part of the council's wider commitment to help deliver up to 1000 new homes in Tower Hamlets over four years.

Your views on what happens on your estate matter. In January we held two events at the Dunmore Community Hut on Columbia Road to unveil our design plans and hear back from you. In all, 20 brave residents ventured into the January cold. They came, they saw and they spoke out.

We showed you proposals to build a three to six storey block of homes on the site of the Baroness Road car park on the Dorset Estate. To do this we'd lay down a new access road to the new properties, extending Baroness Road along the north end of the current residents' gardens.



YOUR MAYOR SPEAKS OUT ON HOUSING

We face considerable challenges in delivering really affordable homes for local people. These include the very high local cost of housing, a chronic shortage of stock and a growing population. We welcome the significant regeneration taking place in the borough and the role this plays in transforming Tower Hamlets. However, we must not lose sight of the fact that for increasing numbers of people who grew up in the borough, the possibility of renting or buying a local home has been very difficult.

John Biggs
Mayor of Tower Hamlets

AUGUST 2015



**RESIDENT
CONSULTATION 1**
Site Allocation

JANUARY 2016



**RESIDENT
CONSULTATION 2**
Design
Development

MARCH 2016



**RESIDENT
CONSULTATION 3**
Stage 3
Designs

APRIL 2016



**SUBMIT
PLANNING
APPLICATION**

JULY 2016



**EXPECTED
PLANNING
DECISION**

AUTUMN 2016



**EXPECTED
START ON SITE**

SPRING 2018



**EXPECTED
PRACTICAL
COMPLETION**

YOU SAID...

Those people who came along to the Dunmore Community Hut on Columbia Road could see drawings of the new block for themselves. Generally these were well received.

However, they also expressed three important concerns about...

- more properties and people in a densely built up area.
- a high block overshadowing some existing homes and blocking out their daylight.
- the impact of the development on the surrounding conservation area.

In addition, residents who turned up at the events were worried about drug-taking and anti-social behaviour. Security on the estate is a high priority.

RESIDENTS' VIEWS

"I'm pleased with the overall proposal."

"I'm concerned about more residents coming to an area with high levels of anti-social behaviour – with no security doors on the low-rise blocks."

"I'm worried about the amount of building in an already high-density area."

WE LISTENED

We've listened to what you told us and we're taking action.

We're going to increase your security by improving the lighting. We'll tackle drug-taking in Robert Owen House and develop a plan to manage anti-social behaviour. And we're improving the design of the new block so it fits in well with the estate.

We'd like to go on talking to you - and your Tenants' and Residents' Association - about any new concerns as the project progresses. If something bothers you, please let us know.

Please contact the Resident Liaison officer, Laura Duncan for more information:

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http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/ignl/housing/affordable_housing.aspx



NEXT STEPS

We want to keep hearing from you. Come along to our next consultation event on **Saturday 12 March 2016** between 10am – 1 pm, or **Wednesday 16 March 2016**, between 4 – 7 pm. Both events will be held at the Dunmore Community Hut, Columbia Road, E2 7LZ.

It is important that you understand the contents of this letter. If you require a further explanation, and/or an interpretation facility, please contact the office shown overleaf as soon as possible.

BENGALI

আপনি এই চিঠির বিষয়বস্তু বুঝতে পারা খুবই গুরুত্বপূর্ণ। যদি আপনার আরো ব্যাখ্যার প্রয়োজন হয়, এবং/অথবা অনুবাদ সুবিধার প্রয়োজন হয়, তাহলে অনুগ্রহ করে অপর পৃষ্ঠায় উল্লেখিত অফিসে যতো তাড়াতাড়ি সম্ভব যোগাযোগ করুন।

SOMALI

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CHINESE

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VIETNAMESE

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