

Fosters Estate Newsletter

July 2020



What has been happening?

The past few months have been challenging for everyone as the country has battled the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. The lockdown restrictions are slowly easing and we feel it is an appropriate time to contact residents to let you know what has been happening with the plans for the Upper and Lower Fosters Estate.

We have been busy working on the detailed design for the scheme that was approved at Planning Committee in October 2019. This has included clarifying a number of planning and legal matters, confirming land ownership across the estate, including the garages and pram sheds. We have drawn together a specification for the works and have invited five contractors to submit tenders for the project.

The good news is that work that has been done over the past few months has allowed us to remain on schedule, despite the challenges thrown up by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The next phase

Over the coming months we will be engaging a number of consultants to undertake a variety of surveys across the estate. You will see contractors on site undertaking these surveys so please do not be alarmed if you see contractors walking around the estate taking measurements and making temporary markings on the ground. We do not anticipate the surveys to cause any inconvenience to residents and we would reassure you that all visitors will follow the latest government guidelines on social distancing. However, if you are concerned about any activity on site please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are also looking forward to receiving tenders from the five contractors for the project by the end of August.

Project timeline

August 2020
Tenders returned

Oct/Nov 2020
Tenders analysed and contractor

Nov 2020
Project signed off by Barnet Homes/Barnet Council

Spring 2021
Works begin



Site compound between Foster Street and Short Street

We are aware of an unauthorised site compound that has been erected on the estate at the junction of Foster Street and Short Street. Barnet Council's Compliance Officers have taken action and the compound will be removed by the week starting 20th July 2020.

Fire safety works update

As part of Barnet Homes' fire safety works programme in high rise blocks in the borough, the blocks at Upper Fosters will receive retro-fitted sprinklers, upgraded fire detection and fire compartmentation works including new front doors to flats.

Barnet Homes wrote to all residents of the Fosters Estate informing them about the contractor, Vallectric Ltd, setting up a site compound located on the greensward between the blocks in May.

Surveys are making good progress and works should begin shortly. Appointments for the works will be made by the Resident Liaison Officer for Vallectric direct with residents. The programmed works are anticipated to complete in March/April 2021.

If you need to discuss these works, please call Ian Woollard from Barnet Homes' Fire Safety Team on 020 8359 3449.

COVID-19 update

For the latest information about Barnet Homes' response to the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit our website, barnethomes.org.

Contacting us

If you would like to discuss anything mentioned above, please contact Deborah Beckford on 020 8359 5307 or deborah.beckford@barnethomes.org.