

Hello and welcome to our first Barne Barton newsletter

Affinity Sutton are really excited to be working with Zebra, Plymouth Council and you on the potential regeneration of Barne Barton, and are looking forward to meeting you over the coming months.

It's been a while since we last got in touch about the project so wanted to update you with this newsletter, which includes ideas for more regular communication with you.

It covers what's been going on since the consultation event last November, what's next, how you can get involved and keep in touch.

Barne Barton Regeneration Team

What's been happening



We had a great turn out for the 'Designing Barne Barton' event back in November last year with 34 residents braving the cold to meet the team. The winning logo is on this newsletter, and will be used on all things related to the project from now on. The feedback we received at the event on what you liked and didn't like about the estate currently was really helpful.

Questions and comments included the following:

- Would like rubbish chutes
- Part buy or shared ownership would give the community an opportunity to own part of the development
- Would be good to see bungalows as well
- Dog parks

We have been working on the proposed masterplan for the past 18 months with a number of organisations including Plymouth City Council and its Planning Department. Your comments at last year's event have been part of this, and there will be more opportunities for you to feed into this plan as the project progresses.

The biggest and most repeated concern was the repairs and maintenance of the estate in the meantime. The local team are working hard to continue the day-to-day job of maintaining your service, and meanwhile it's business as usual.

What's next

We have two major milestones to pass for the project to progress, getting the funding agreed and getting planning permission for any designs. We are working hard on both of these and will be able to update you further in the new year.

It is important you get the chance to understand what any project will mean for you and your home. If the project can go forward a member of the team will arrange a visit to discuss you and your family's housing needs. We will get in touch about this part of the process as the project progresses and have lots of booklets/info packs to help, but this step is a little way down the line. Before then we'll be focusing on getting the above approvals and setting up a Residents Steering Group (see above) for the project.

Keeping in touch

There are lots of ways for you to get involved in the regeneration of Barne Barton and we'd also love to hear your ideas. For any non-project related issues such as repairs please continue to call us on 0300 100 0303 and discuss individual property issues with your local housing officer.

Residents Steering Group

At the consultation event many of you said you were interested in joining a **Residents Steering Group** – this is a team of resident reps and local Councillors who meet monthly with Affinity Sutton and Zebra (an independent community development organisation that's here to help with community engagement through the regeneration).

The group's work is to monitor the progress of all aspects of the regeneration project, from design through to the letting of new properties, plus all community issues.

We're keen to get this set up as soon as possible in the new year so we'll be contacting all of you who have expressed an interest already. If you would like to be added to this list please get in touch.

Drop-in space

There will be drop-in sessions at The 'Regeneration Space', 8 Roberts Road every Wednesday between 9am and 10am and again between 6pm and 7pm starting on the 11 January 2017 and continuing through to the end of February, when we'll review to see if there's a demand for different times or longer opening hours.

You'll be able to pop along for a cuppa and a chat with Marc of Zebra (or one of his colleagues) and Pippa, Affinity Sutton's Regeneration Officer for this project. We'll be on hand to share information that we have and take away concerns, questions and feedback. We may not be able to answer your questions straight away or provide concrete details or timescales at this early stage, but we will share what we know.

Barne Barton news

We'd like to work with you on how you'd like to be kept up to date: more newsletters like this, a dedicated website, the drop-in format, or potentially any other ideas you might have. We'll be in touch in the new year to hear your views.

Meet the team

The project team will be growing in the new year so watch this space for introductions to the new team members. In the meantime, for any queries about the project please get in touch with Pippa on the usual 0300 100 0303 number or come along to the drop-in.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year and would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Christmas.