

# CHURCH STREET NEWS

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Bringing you the latest news from the neighbourhood of Church Street

## LOOKING AHEAD IN 2023

**A**s we start looking ahead, we are excited what's to come for Church Street in 2023. From completion of new affordable homes, improvements to public spaces, and bringing you community events, find out some of the latest highlights across Church Street on page 3. We wish everyone in the community a happy year ahead.



Church Street will continue to host popular events and activities

## CHURCH STREET RESIDENTS VOTE 'YES' TO REGENERATION

**R**esidents have voted in favour of proposals to regenerate Church Street Sites A, B & C. We held a residents' ballot from 19 November to 21 December 2022 to make sure the community supported our plans. We would like to thank all the residents who took part in the ballot. Read more on page 2.

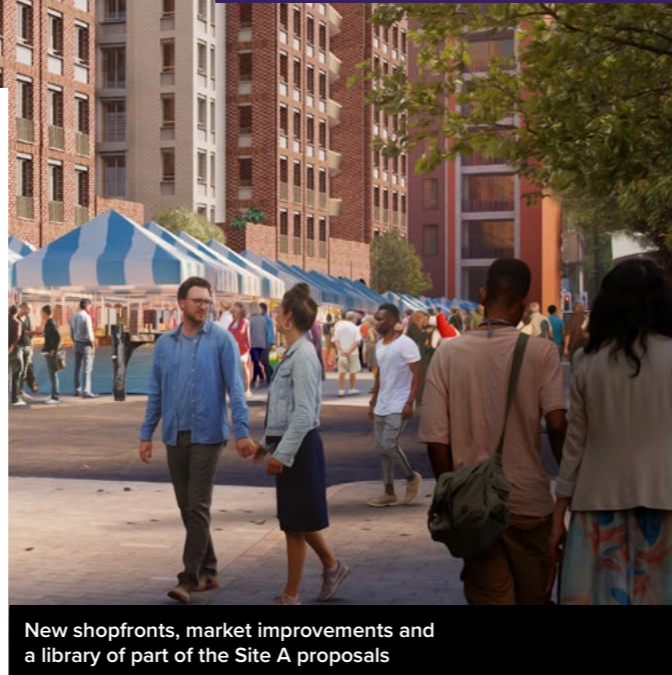


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### KEY PLANNING APPLICATION CHANGES FOR SITE A INCLUDE:

- 70% of new affordable homes will be for social rent (previously 40%)
- Increased floorspace for the Church Street Library
- Additional fire safety measures meeting new guidance



New shopfronts, market improvements and a library of part of the Site A proposals

## MAJOR MILESTONE REACHED FOR SITES A, B & C

Residents have voted 'yes' to the regeneration proposals for Sites A, B & C. The result saw 73.1% vote 'yes', in which 56% of eligible residents took part. By voting in favour of the scheme, the council can now bid for Greater London Authority funding which will enable the delivery of more truly affordable homes. The plans will see all existing council homes re-provided. The scheme will also see improvements to the Church Street Market, a new Church Street Library and more green public spaces.



Cllr Noble

Cllr Noble, Cabinet Member for Climate Action, Regeneration and Renters at Westminster City Council said:

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We are pleased the majority of residents voted in favour of our Church Street proposals and we're committed to working with them on co-designing the scheme's B & C sites. We're serious about giving local communities more say on the future of their area and we're glad residents feel the same.

This positive result will allow us to build even more social and lower rent homes needed for families in our city so we can create a Fairer Westminster for everyone.

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Read more about the Sites A, B & C regeneration on our website [churchstreet.org](http://churchstreet.org)

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

As the first site to be built, preparation work for new homes at Church Street Site A is underway. As is standard practice in regeneration schemes, the council has issued a Demolition Prior Approval Notice. This notice will firstly include the demolition of storage units in the courtyard of Site A and at a later date Pool, Ingrebourne, and Lambourne House. Demolition of the storage units is expected to begin in March 2023. We are working with residents and businesses on Site A so they are supported during this process.

### APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Following the result of the residents' ballot the hybrid application for Sites A, B & C has now been submitted. The planning application is a revision of the plans submitted in December 2021. As Sites B & C are at an earlier stage in the design (known as an outline application) the council has made a commitment to work collaboratively with the residents to develop these designs in future.

Residents living in the local area will receive a letter notifying them that the planning application has been submitted and details of how to comment when it is live on the council's planning portal. We will keep residents in Sites B & C updated on the next stages of the programme and how we will work with you.

## EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

Join our free online workshops for six weeks from 21 February to 21 March which include topics:

- Thinking of a career
- Effective job searching
- Creating a winning CV
- Writing a compelling personal statement for job applications
- Successful interviewing

To sign up for the workshops please email [sandews@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:sandews@westminster.gov.uk)



## UPCOMING IN 2023 AT CHURCH STREET

### SOCIAL RENT HOMES AT ASHMILL AND ASHBRIDGE STREET



28 Affordable homes, all for social rent levels at Ashbridge and Ashmill Street are nearing completion by Summer 2023.



### COMMUNITY MARKET AND CHURCH STREET NOW

Come and see us at our first Church Street Now of 2023 to find out more about our regeneration projects. It will be held at 35 Church Street on 2 February, 12pm to 3pm. Also look out for our first community market of the year to hear more about local community groups and activities. If you have a community project and would like to get involved please contact [churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk)

Coming Soon



Illustration of how the cafe space could look

### CHURCH STREET TRIANGLE

We're pleased to update that Arbeit Studios are the successful operators chosen to manage the Church Street Triangle Enterprise and Community Space. Arbeit will also be working with a social enterprise or charity to activate a new cafe space while working with the community.

# VISIT THE CHURCH STREET COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE

**H**ave you tried out the new three-court sports hall in the centre of Church Street yet?

Now is your chance to come along to our official opening on **Wednesday 8 February, 3pm to 5pm**, to join in free activities or just drop in to check out the facilities.



Open weekdays 8am to 10pm and weekends 9am to 8pm, 1 Fisherton St, London NW8 8BF.

To find out more, call **020 3535 6302** or visit [everyoneactive.com](http://everyoneactive.com)



## CREATIVE COLLECTIVE 2023

**C**reative Collective is back for 2023! Get your artwork in the world-renowned Saatchi Gallery!

We at City Lions, want to share and celebrate the creativity of Westminster's brilliant young people and showcase their art. The Creative Collective is a chance for young people to use creativity as a tool to communicate about four different themes we are asking young people to respond to:

- **Mental health**
- **Streets of London**
- **Cost of living**
- **What matters to me**



Open to anyone up to the age of 18, artwork must be submitted by 28 February 2023. Artwork will be showcased in a variety of different exhibitions.

More information and how to submit can be found at: [citylions.org/students/cc](http://citylions.org/students/cc). For any questions you might have you can also email [sfrankland@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:sfrankland@westminster.gov.uk)



## FIND OUT MORE

### GO ONLINE

You can also keep track of the latest news on the Church Street website at [churchstreet.org](http://churchstreet.org)

### IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION

Please email us at [churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk)

### SPEAK IN PERSON

Contact us to talk a member of our Regeneration Team at **020 7641 2968**.

You can also visit us at **Regeneration Base, 99 Church Street, NW8 8EY**. Open from Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm.