

CHURCH STREET NEWS

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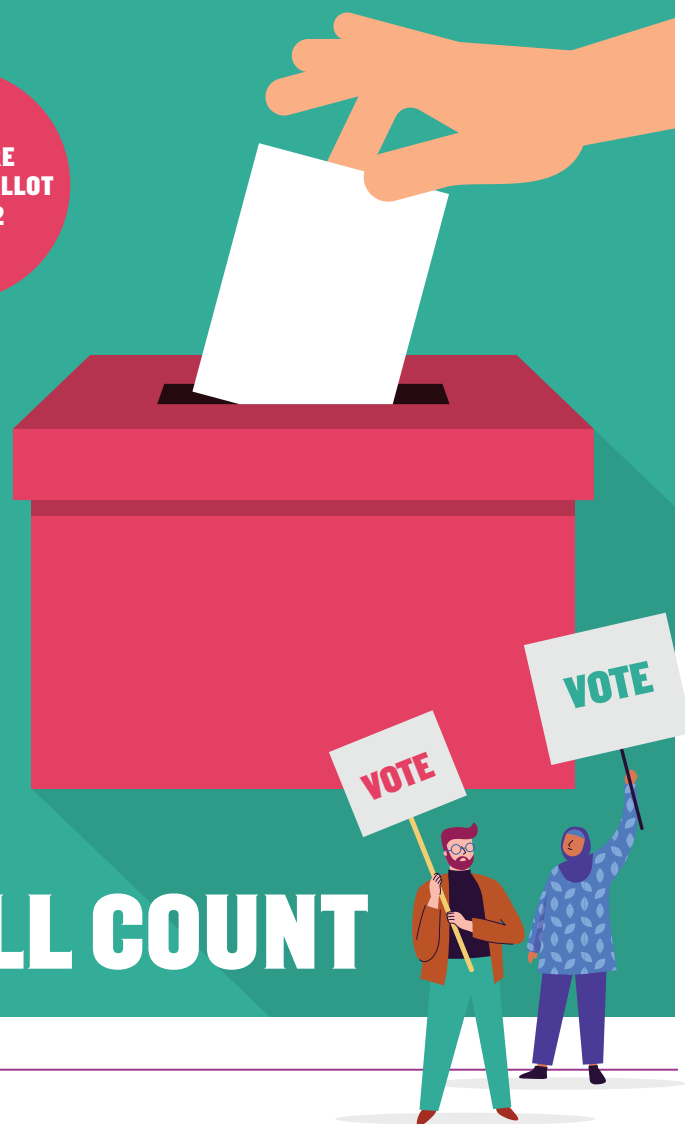
SITES A, B AND C RESIDENT BALLOT

We want all residents living in the regeneration areas named Sites A, B and C to have their say on our regeneration proposals.

Over the coming weeks we will be publishing our intention to carry out a residents' vote for the regeneration of Sites A, B and C. All secure tenants, resident leaseholders and temporary accommodation tenants within Sites A, B and C (who have lived in the area for over a year) will be eligible to vote and will receive an invitation to register for a ballot form.

Should residents vote 'Yes' at the forthcoming ballot this will give us the chance to bid for funding to further increase the numbers of affordable homes in the development.

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EVERY VOTE WILL COUNT

FIND OUT MORE

GO ONLINE

You can also keep track of the latest news on the Church Street website at churchstreet.org

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION

Please email us at 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.



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Proposals within Site A include a new library

BALLOT KEY QUESTIONS

WHY WILL THERE BE A RESIDENT BALLOT?
 We have made the commitment in our *Fairer Housing* pledge, that all regeneration has to be supported by local residents before the scheme is developed further. We are also proposing changes to the design of the Church Street Library and a commitment to further resident involvement of the development of Sites B and C.

A supportive ballot outcome will also allow us to access more funding from the Mayor of London to supplement the council's own funding resources to provide affordable homes.

WHO WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?
 The ballot boundary encompasses the sites of A, B and C and we will communicate, work with and support residents that are eligible to vote. There is specific guidance from the Greater London Authority available at [london.gov.uk](https://www.london.gov.uk) for who is not eligible to vote and this will be explained in a resident ballot leaflet.

HOW WILL THE BALLOT BE RUN?
 All regeneration ballots are conducted by an independent body. This includes the distribution of ballot papers and collection of votes.

WHAT WILL RESIDENTS VOTE ON?
 Eligible residents will vote either 'yes' or 'no' to a question on the regeneration proposals. Eligible residents will receive a 'Landlord Offer' document which outlines the rehousing offer and the proposed benefits of the scheme.



WHEN WILL THE BALLOT TAKE PLACE?
 The ballot is due to take place during early December this year, but there will be activities and engagement with eligible residents and the wider community in the lead up to the ballot.

WHERE CAN I FIND FURTHER INFORMATION?
 We will be sharing further information in an upcoming residents' ballot leaflet.

We will also work closely with residents of Sites A, B and C through 1-2-1s and engagement events. We will also run regular community drops for the the community where you will be able to speak to staff about the ballot process.

If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss with us, please contact us at **020 7641 2968** or email churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk to book an appointment or speak to a team member.

THE LOCAL FOOTBALL TEAM WITH A HISTORIC LEGACY

For Sylvester William, the Stowe Football Club brings back fond memories of a team that won the under-17 British championship in 1980, gave rise to an England international and were visited by the greatest footballer of all time.

"I was a resident of Church Street living at Capland St when I joined the Stowe Football Club at age 11, which I heard about through a friend who lived at the Lisson Green Estate. It was there where I met John Barnes, a friend still to this day over 40 years on, and we stayed with the club until we were 16".

John Barnes went on to make his name with a debut for England in 1983, just three years after winning the under-17 British championship alongside Sylvester. From there the seed was sown on the international stage, and Brazilian football star Pelé came to visit the Stowe Club.

"He was really down to earth and chatted to us about his early life in Brazil. I always say his visit must have inspired John to dribble past five Brazilian defenders and score that wondergoal in 1984!"

England won that match against Brazil 2-0, and for Sylvester it was privilege to be able to see where it all began. He still regularly visits the Church Street area.

The Stowe Club was founded in 1927 and acquired its first regular premises at 62 Carlisle Street (later Penfold Street) before moving to Harrow Road.

Read more about the history of the Stowe Club by searching our Westminster Archives, more information available at [westminster.gov.uk](https://www.westminster.gov.uk)



The Stowe Club for Boys, Sylvester William (back row, second left), John Barnes (back row, second right)



Pelé visits the Stowe Club in 1983

AWAY DAY FOR YOUTH VOICE

It's not everyday that you get taken on a tour of your football club's stadium, let alone sit in your favourite players dressing room.

Lucky for the Church Street Youth Voice as they were treated to a behind the scenes look at the history of Arsenal, a tour of the press conference room and a chance to walk down the tunnel onto the pitch, like many famous players have done before.

For more information about Church Street Youth Voice, visit our website at [churchstreet.org](https://www.churchstreet.org) or you can contact us at churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk



Youth Voice at The Emirates Stadium

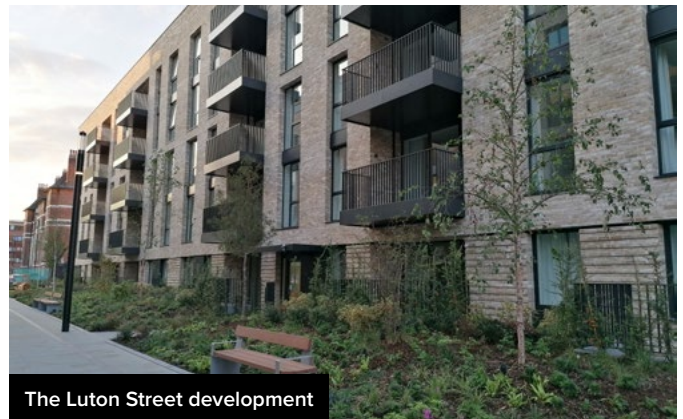
A NEW LANDMARK DEVELOPMENT FOR CHURCH STREET

We're excited that construction has now been completed at Luton Street. The project brings 171 modern new homes, public realm enhancements, and a new public leisure centre.

The mixed tenure project provides a range of social, affordable and private housing. The affordable element of the scheme has recently been increased further to help alleviate the need for over 4,200 people on our housing waiting list, and local residents have been given priority when it comes to purchasing homes on the development.

Resident involvement has been at the centre of the project with employment and apprenticeships for the community. We would also like to thank the resident working group for their time and collaboration throughout the design process.

Why not take a look at the development and find out what will be coming to the new Church Street Leisure Centre? For timetables and activities visit everyoneactive.com



The Luton Street development

Green Spine Fair

Sunday 2 October, 12 – 4pm
Lisson Street, NW8

Join us to celebrate the new public space of the Green Spine and find out more about our green and sustainable initiatives:

- Meet the Climate Emergency and Recycling teams
- Planting activities
- Community and local organisation stalls
- Healthy food and drink
- Music and entertainment
- Stage performances

A free family event