

# Sanctuary Housing

## Barne Barton Update

March 2021

### Resident update

#### **Planning for new homes**

A planning application for our exciting regeneration plans for Barne Barton remains with Plymouth City Council for review.

The application was for a similar mix of houses, apartments and a care home as shared in the consultation with residents last year, which has been well received by the community.

We look forward to receiving approval on the plans from the Council and will write to all residents with a further update when the review is completed.

#### **Site security and fly-tipping**

Following further feedback from residents, we have continued to secure empty properties in the blocks to ensure everyone's safety.

We are also aware of an increase in cases of fly-tipping that have been taking place across the estate.

We would like to remind you that walkways and stairwells need to be clear of items at all times. Anything blocking escape routes would cause a major hazard should the building need to be evacuated in an emergency. If anyone sees any suspicious activity near any of the empty homes or rubbish being dumped, we advise them to contact the local police by calling 101.

#### **Moving home - Devon Home Choice**

We are aware some residents continue to express a desire to move away from Barne Barton.

For those of you who do want to relocate, you need to register with the local Devon Home Choice scheme through the council and bid for suitable properties that are available. The scheme is open for residents to register and bid. More details can be found by visiting [www.devonhomechoice.com](http://www.devonhomechoice.com)

If you find a new home, please get in touch with us as soon as you can so we can support you in the process of moving. Help is available to cover moving expenses and each household is eligible for a home loss payment.

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Please note that assistance with moving expenses is available as soon as you have been offered another property, however the home loss payment will only be made after your tenancy ends and can take up to four weeks to reach you.

### **Working with you – STAR**

STAR continue to support the community through the regeneration process and are looking forward to resuming activities with residents when it is safe to do so.

The community group will soon be sharing details of free training opportunities for residents, which will be held at Tamar View, as well as talking to the community more about the exciting regeneration plans for Barne Barton.

Residents without internet access will also be able to view large scale plan for the work.

Anyone who would like to find out more, join STAR and get involved or just support with something, should contact Sam Weaver on 07534 465342 or visit the STAR Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/groups/120656169311653](https://www.facebook.com/groups/120656169311653)

### **Financial support for residents**

We are pleased to be launching a financial inclusion project for residents from across Plymouth, which will be starting from 22 March.

The project will provide advice and support to residents on a range of financial matters including:

- Support for those affected by hardship because of Covid-19
- Resettlement support for moving home
- Advice and support for residents struggling to maintain their tenancies due to financial pressures, or help with utilities, benefits, and securing essential household items through grants
- Signposting to other Homemaker externally funded projects for special support around benefit appeals and debts.

Look out for more details from STAR, at Tamar View or from your local housing and income officers.

### **Listening and learning – your feedback**

We would like to thank all residents who took the time to complete the recent survey and provided feedback on our regeneration plans for the community.

Your feedback will help us improve our processes in the future. Residents can continue to share their views by speaking with us directly or contacting on the details at the end of this newsletter.

We hope you found this newsletter update useful. Residents can continue to provide feedback on our regeneration proposals or ask questions by:

- calling 0800 131 3348 from a landline, 0300 123 3511 from a mobile; or
- emailing [BarneBarton@sanctuary-housing.co.uk](mailto:BarneBarton@sanctuary-housing.co.uk)
- Further information can also be found by visiting [www.sanctuary-housing.co.uk/talbot-gardens-barne-barton-regeneration](http://www.sanctuary-housing.co.uk/talbot-gardens-barne-barton-regeneration).