

DOLLIS VALLEY NEWS

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COUNTRYSIDE AND PARTNERS ARE PLEASED TO UPDATE ALL RESIDENTS ON THE PROGRESS OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND MORE!



Construction Progress

Works have progressed exceptionally well over the summer months with programme being maintained and the marketing suite and show-home due for opening in early 2015.

If you know the plot number of your new home please see listed below the current stages of build progress;

- Plots 1-16 - Bricklaying is ongoing up to 2nd floor.
- Plots 17-27 - Bricklaying almost complete, roof structure to be placed in coming weeks.
- Plots 67-73 - New road, main services and drainage all complete.
- Plots 90-95 - Bricklaying ongoing up to 2nd floor.

Resident colour choices for the new homes are now complete. We wish to thank to the Valley Centre for allowing Countryside to carry out the choice selection at the Centre.

Countryside would also like to thank all the residents of Dollis Valley for their patience and assistance whilst the works are in progress.

Training update from Countryside's Paul Sweeney, Director of Community & Customer Services

We are pleased to announce we have two apprentice bricklayers on site. Both apprentices are Barnet residents and are working towards a Level 3 Diploma and NVQ qualification in Bricklaying.

Our first Carpentry apprentice will start before Christmas 2014.

More news to come in future newsletter regarding training!!!

SUMMER FUN DAY!

A huge thank you to all residents and regeneration partners for supporting the resident fun day in July. We hope you had a great day!



EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING UPDATE FROM BARNET COUNCIL

Regional Enterprise Ltd, in partnership with Barnet Council, is working alongside Countryside to develop the Employment and Training Strategy for residents on the Dollis Valley Estate.

The strategy - in conjunction with the recently completed skills audit which looks into the skills gaps on the estate - will help us to understand local training requirements and career aspirations of residents who live in the regeneration area. This will help us implement a programme of activity which will help residents access skills training, apprenticeships or job opportunities.

The skills and employment team will be organising a series of workshops in November to ascertain views on the sorts of activities that are needed. We will be publicising the details of these shortly.

If you would be interested in participating, or if you are out of work and interested in training or employment opportunities, please contact Joshua Stanton, Skills & Enterprise Officer: joshua.stanton@barnet.gov.uk or 0208 359 3124

UPDATE ON PHASE I FROM L&Q

We are pleased to inform you that all 40 Phase I residents have now been allocated and chosen their sample choices for their new homes at Brook Valley Gardens!! We are looking forward to moving the Phase I residents in approximately the middle of next year.

Phase I Leaseholders are currently under negotiation and hoping to get their offers agreed as soon as possible.

The Dollis Valley Partnership Board continues to meet with partners to monitor and support progress of the redevelopment. This is a formal resident involvement structure between the residents of the Dollis Valley Estate, regeneration partners and local councillors. The membership of the Partnership Board is made up of 18 appointed members who can be voted in annually.

Hanna Khan has now been appointed by L&Q as the new Regeneration Co-ordinator, should you have any questions/queries or concerns please come and visit her at The Valley Centre every Wednesday between 2-4pm and Friday between 10.30-12.30pm where Hanna will be more than happy to have a chat with you.

Or if residents are interested in becoming a member please do not hesitate to contact Hanna Khan on 0800 015 6536 or via email: HKhan@lqgroup.org.uk

DOLLIS VALLEY ESTATE REGENERATION PROJECT IS SHORTLISTED FOR NATIONAL PLANNING AWARD 2014

We are pleased to announce that Dollis Valley has been shortlisted for an award in the 'Planning Permission of the Year' category.

The judges have recognised that this project represents one of the most exciting regeneration projects in the country. The hybrid planning permission, granted by Barnet Council in 2013, will help transform the run-down estate into a brand new, safer community featuring 631 new homes, including 230 affordable homes, a community centre, nursery and youth facility.

The award submission was submitted by project planning consultant Terence O'Rourke Ltd on behalf of Countryside, in association with L&Q, Barnet Council Regeneration and Nigel Eade, chair of the Dollis Valley Partnership Board, who represents local residents' interests, supported the bid.

The Dollis Valley Estate Regeneration is competing against high profile national projects in a tough award category. The shortlisting represents a significant achievement and is a testament to the hard work and commitment that has been put into the regeneration project by all parties over many years with the aim of realising the vision of a new and transformed area.

The award winners will be formally announced on 18 November 2014.

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