

Masterplan consultation event

We've been working closely with our architects and resident steering group on the proposed masterplan for the new development, and we're now ready to showcase it to the whole estate and the rest of the community.

We'll be holding an event on 26 October 2017, 3pm–7pm at Tamarview Resource Centre (Miers Close, Plymouth, PL5 1DJ) where you'll be able to have a look at our proposals, meet the team and ask any questions you might have about the new estate.

There will also be tables on the moving process and shared ownership where you can find out all you need to know about these important topics. The project team are really keen to work with our young residents to find out what play facilities they would like to see on the new estate. Our architects will be holding some sessions for children and young people for them to say what they like about the estate and discuss new ideas, so please encourage the kids to join in!

There will be more events over the coming weeks and months to make sure everyone can have a say and contribute to making the new Barne Barton a great place to live, not just for existing residents but for future residents and those living in the surrounding area too.

We hope you can join us on 26 October and look forward to seeing you there!



Naturally Barne Barton

Thank you to everyone who attended the Barne Barton workshop on 12 September. Despite the rain we had a great turnout from residents who came with brilliant ideas for the green spaces on the new estate.

The session was run by our architects who split everyone into groups to have a look at each area of the estate placing stickers where they would like things to go.

The things the groups were asked to consider were:

Play space / Nature / Community

Overall the majority of people wanted to see opportunities to enhance habitats for wildlife with lots of requests for bird and bat boxes, insect hotels, hedgehog friendly gardens and habitats for slow worms. Play was a big topic with many of the residents asking for formal and informal play for all age groups.

Tree planting was discussed as it is likely trees will have to come down when the new estate is built. Many residents want to make sure that there is lots of replacement tree planting and that the wood from the removed trees is reused on the new estate. We also had requests for community spaces with seating and public art telling the history of Barne Barton to be designed into the new estate to promote community cohesion.



We are now paying the homeloss payment of £6,100 to residents who are moving off the estate either through Devon Home Choice because they are already well placed for a move or because they have found their own accommodation.

There will be a stall about the moving process at the masterplan consultation event on 26 October if you have any questions please come and talk to Natalie Down.

Phasing

There is a minor amendment to the phasing plan detailed in last month's newsletter. Here is an updated version:

- Phase 1 Roope Close, Wilkinson Road, 55–90 Savage Road, 97–107 Poole Park Road and 140–150 Poole Park Road
- Phase 2 Roberts Road, 61–134 Poole Park Road, 1–12 Savage Road

The phasing plan is liable to change at anytime depending on the project plan. We will of course keep up updated of any changes.

Fotonow

Fotonow are carrying out a social history project that looks at how Barne Barton has evolved throughout the years.

In order to document the changes they will be carrying out some drone photography and filming. We haven't set any filming dates as yet so please keep an eye out for the posters in your stairwells which will contain all the information you need.



Here are some of the ideas that came out of the workshop:

Bird & Tree planting





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- Enhancing habitats for wildlife bird and bat boxes, insect hotels etc were requested across the site.
- Play was a big topic play opportunities for all ages needed, younger and older children included
- Edible foraging routes
- Tree planting tree for tree replacement

Wilkinson Road

- Tree planting tree for tree replacement
- Youth play skate park
- Local history & stories old / new artwork
- Support Wildlife pollution reduction and edible produce
- Communal Areas-social cohesion
- Play areas have younger and older people close together

Green Street

- Formal and informal play
- Youth play skate park

- Picnic areas
- Encourage wildlife bird and bat boxes etc
- Keep the pirate ship
- Shelters in parks
- Communal gardens for apartments
- Tell local history and stories with public artwork

North-South route

- Allotments were suggested
- Wildlife corridor with bird/bat boxes etc.
- Seating on steeper areas to rest
- Youth play
- Tree planting
- Public bins
- Maximise opportunities for views

Central Square

- Focal point for public art
- Encourage social interaction meeting point with seating and picnic areas etc
- Encourage wildlife with planting, trees and bird and bat boxes etc



Our architects are now hard at work trying to incorporate as many of these ideas as possible into the design of the new estate, they will report back at the next consultation event. It will not be possible to incorporate all ideas, but it was a really useful session for understanding how people feel the streets and spaces in the development could be used.

Guide to moving



We know that a number of you have been keen to know more about the moving process for the proposed redevelopment of Barne Barton. Below is some information which we hope you will find useful and will answer your queries.

When you move into your new home you will have to sign a new tenancy agreement. At this time you will receive a statutory home loss payment of £6,100 by cheque. This amount is set by the Government annually and is paid by Affinity Sutton in recognition of you having to move.

We will deduct any arrears, court costs and other charges owed to Affinity Sutton from this payment.

You will also be entitled to a disturbance allowance. This allowance is to help with the expense of moving. Some costs may have to be paid by the resident upfront and reimbursed by Affinity Sutton.

The disturbance allowance is assessed on a case by case basis and will be discussed with you before you move.

We've been talking to Plymouth City Council and they are keen to work with us to get people moving as soon as possible.

You can claim for...

- Removal expenses
- Packing and unpacking (only for residents over 65, registered disabled or in receipt of DLA)
- De-connection/re-connection of appliances
- De-connection/re-connection of phone and cable TV
- De-connection/re-connection of cooker
- New cooker if the power supplier is different (going from gas to electric or visa versa)
- Mail redirection for up to six months
- Floor covering replacement up to £300 per room
- Window covering replacement up to £50 per window
- Replacement of security locks and alarms
- Dismantling and re-fitting fitted furniture e.g. wardrobes

The next step is for us to gather all the necessary information for the Council so they can assess what accommodation is needed for Barne Barton residents.

Over the next few weeks one of the Affinity Sutton team will be giving everyone a call to discuss their housing need in more detail. If it's easier for you, you can give Natalie Down or Gill Flexen a call on 0300 100 0303 so we can go through your form.

We are looking to re-start the surgery so you can come and speak to a member of the team about the moving process and ask questions about the regeneration.

We'll have more information about this at the consultation event on the 26 October.

If you are already registered on Devon Home Choice please can you make sure your application is up to date.