

# Highgate Newtown News

Information and updates from Camden Council & Highgate Newtown Community Partners

## Timeline



November 2023

Farrans began completing works on residential Blocks A and C



December 2023

New residents started moving in, construction works continue on the Community Centre



Early 2024

Highgate Newtown Community Centre fit-out



Late spring 2024

Highgate Newtown Community Centre opens

## Highgate Newtown residential properties complete



We are delighted to confirm that the Highgate Newtown residential development is nearing completion. We appreciate how patient our surrounding neighbours have been through this construction programme and we have now seen the last of the heavy construction movement.

### Contact the CIP team

This construction stage of this project is now coming to a close but if you have questions for Camden please contact:



**Maxime Tomas**

Senior Development Management

[Maxime.Tomas@camden.gov.uk](mailto:Maxime.Tomas@camden.gov.uk)

### Post construction clean-up:

Now that the main works are nearly completed there will be a series of 'clean-up activities' including street clean, potential window cleaning, as well as reviewing repairs to the cobbles on Bertram Street and street tree replacement.

### Community centre fit-out coming soon

Highgate Newtown Community Partners (HNCP) has been fundraising and a high specification fit-out will commence in the near future. Find out more about their work inside.



# Highgate Newtown residential properties

36\* new homes have been completed as part of the redevelopment at Highgate Newtown and residents have started to move in.

## Supporting Camden-based Afghan refugees

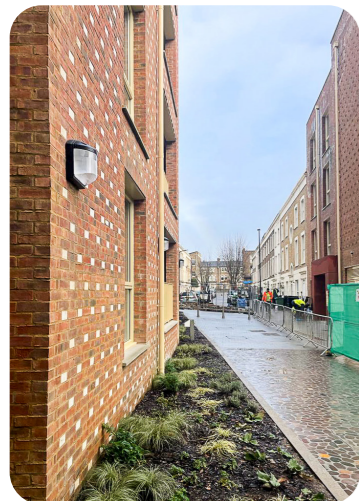
In response to lobbying from Councils and refugee groups, the government has now made new funding available to help councils purchase housing for those fleeing persecution and conflict and seeking to make a better life in Camden.

The funding from the Home Office – specifically designated for Afghan and Ukrainian refugee housing – has been allocated to the Greater London Authority (GLA) to distribute to London local authorities including Camden.

This new funding has allowed the Council to withdraw 36\* homes intended for private sale and rent from the market and use them to provide safe-haven housing for refugees.

As well as helping refugee families who are in need now, these homes will be owned by the council going forward increasing the number of affordable homes for generations to come.

**\*41 homes were originally proposed but we have combined some to accommodate larger families.**



**About the project:**

- The new homes will provide a mix of much needed flats and houses to accommodate refugees who have been living in bridging hotels since August 2021
- New buildings designed to modern sustainability standards including photovoltaic (solar) panels and air source heat pumps
- Creates a new pedestrian route and use of high quality materials and finishes throughout
- 6 apprentices employed and 24 weeks of work experience for children from local schools were delivered through the project.



# A new community centre

As well as new homes the project also offers new community facilities, including a large hall and community cafe, that will provide a wide range of affordable activities for different age groups.



## Services will be run by:

- Highgate Newtown Community Partners
- Camden's Fresh Youth Academy
- Camden's Early Years Service

**Highgate Newtown Community Partners**

The Centre will be a new home for Highgate Newtown Community Partners who could offer a range of activities such as:

- Art classes
- Cookery school
- Activities for over 55's
- Activities for under 5's
- Hair and nails
- Breakfast club
- Family Saturday learning
- Community lunch venue
- Laundrette services

See back page for more information or visit: [www.highgatentown.org.uk](http://www.highgatentown.org.uk)

**Camden's Fresh Youth Academy**



In 2024 Camden's Fresh Youth Academy will be based here. They will be delivering a range of after school, weekend and holiday programming for secondary school aged children, with particular focus for young people aged 13 -19 and up to 25 for those who have learning difficulties or disabilities.


The team will deliver a weekly programme of on site workshops and activities with a junior and senior club. Each evening will be focused around a different theme and Camden will be recruiting a group of young people to shape the best programme for them and their peers.

As well as a workshop and activity rooms, Fresh Youth Academy will also have a gym for young people to use and are working on approaches to making this accessible to the wider community.

Finally, alongside their work with young people they will be looking to host support groups for parents of teenagers and look forward to meeting and working with some of you through this programme.

**More information: [www.camdenrise.co.uk/youth-clubs-and-projects](http://www.camdenrise.co.uk/youth-clubs-and-projects)**

**Camden's Early Years Service**



At Highgate Newtown, Camden Council's Family Hubs service will provide free support and activities for families who are expecting a baby or have children up to the age of 5.

**This will include:**

- Child development clinics
- Support with becoming a parent
- Mental health and wellbeing support for mums, dads, and carers.

Find out more about the services they offer on their website: [www.families.camden.gov.uk](http://www.families.camden.gov.uk)

## Your Ward Councillors Surgeries




**Councillor  
Camron  
Aref-Adib**  
(Labour)

**Email:**

camron.aref-adib@camden.gov.uk

 **2nd Saturday  
of every month**

 **11-12 noon**

 **Highgate Road Chapel,  
2 Chetwynd Road,  
NW5 1BU**





**Councillor  
Anna Wright**  
(Labour)

**Email:**

anna.wright@camden.gov.uk

 **4th Friday of  
every month**

 **6 - 7pm**

 **Highgate Road Chapel,  
2 Chetwynd Road,  
NW5 1BU**



**Councillor  
Lorna Jane  
Russell**  
(Green)

**Email:**

lorna.russell@camden.gov.uk

**Lorna is a recently elected  
councillor so we are still  
confirming details.**

**For more information call:  
0207974 2792  
or check this link for updates:  
[bit.ly/Cllr-russell](https://bit.ly/Cllr-russell)**

## Highgate Newtown Community Partners

Highgate Newtown Community Partners are a group of local people, services and organisations who have come together **to make our community better – where everyone has a chance to succeed and nobody gets left behind.**

We already deliver a huge range of activities locally and are excited to move these into our new Highgate space this year.



**If you would like to find out more and support our fundraising for this fabulous new centre please email: [andrew.s@hnep.org.uk](mailto:andrew.s@hnep.org.uk)**

### Celebrating our Community Lunch Club team:



Lulu, Tracey and their teams have been working tirelessly to bring our community lunch club to a range of locations including two special festive events in December:



#### Christmas lunch

We hosted 80 local people for an afternoon of festive food, celebrating and even some dancing in partnership with La Sainte Union School



#### Gifts for local children

Our partners Waitrose donated 80 presents to our under 5's programme making sure more children had something special to open.

### Come to a Community Lunch Club near you!

Our lunch clubs offer great value at **£2.50 for a high quality 3 course meal**, in a cosy environment where you can connect and make friends with your neighbours.

**St Mary Brookfield Church, Dartmouth Park Rd, NW5 1SL**  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays (10:30am to 2:00pm)

**St Michael's Church, South Grove, N6 6BJ**  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays (10.00am to 3.00pm)

**Roslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel,  
3 Pilgrim's Pl, NW3 1NG**  
Second Sunday of the month  
(12.30 – 1.30pm)



**For more information visit: [highgatentown.org.uk](https://highgatentown.org.uk)**