

ABERFELDY NEWS

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ABERFELDY RESIDENTS VOTE YES TO REGENERATION

319 residents voted in the ballot, a turnout of **91.1%** of eligible voters.
297 (93.1%) said yes to new homes, green spaces and facilities in the area.
22 residents (**6.9%**) voted against regeneration.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation, shaped the Landlord's Offer and voted on the future of their part of the Aberfeldy Estate.

"I am absolutely delighted that it was a positive vote for regeneration, this is what we have all been waiting for. Exciting times ahead!"

- Rosemary, resident from Balmore Close

"We will deliver on every promise; and look forward to residents remaining at the heart of the decision-making for where they live."

- Steve Stride, Chief Executive of Poplar HARCA

"Although it will take time for our new homes and public places to be built, this regeneration will transform our families' lives."

- Surayia Begum, Aberfeldy Residents' Steering Group



BALLOT AREA

The Aberfeldy New Masterplan, previously known as Aberfeldy West, includes the following areas, also outlined in red on the map:

- 🌿 Nairn Street
- 🌿 Balmore Close
- 🌿 Kilbrennan House
- 🌿 Heather House
- 🌿 Thistle House
- 🌿 Tartan House
- 🌿 Jura House
- 🌿 Aberfeldy Street
- 🌿 Blairgowrie Court
- 🌿 Abbott Road
- 🌿 Leven Road
- 🌿 Findhorn Street

KEY

- Existing homes
- New development
- Ballot
- Regeneration



WHAT'S NEXT?

Working with the Aberfeldy Residents' Steering Group (RSG), we will start the planning application process for the Aberfeldy New Masterplan. The RSG will continue to have a say in major decisions about the regeneration.

Aberfeldy residents can join the RSG at any time.

Contact **Fintan**, from Poplar HARCA, on **07852 998909**.

You can also contact Independent Tenant & Leaseholder Advisor, **Mo Ali**, on **07940 431503** or mo.ali@talktalk.net for advice and guidance.

Resident Zoom meeting

The next RSG meeting, where we'll talk about the Aberfeldy New Masterplan, the planning application and introduce the team from Poplar HARCA and EcoWorld London, is on:

**Wednesday 4 November 2020
from 6pm to 7pm**

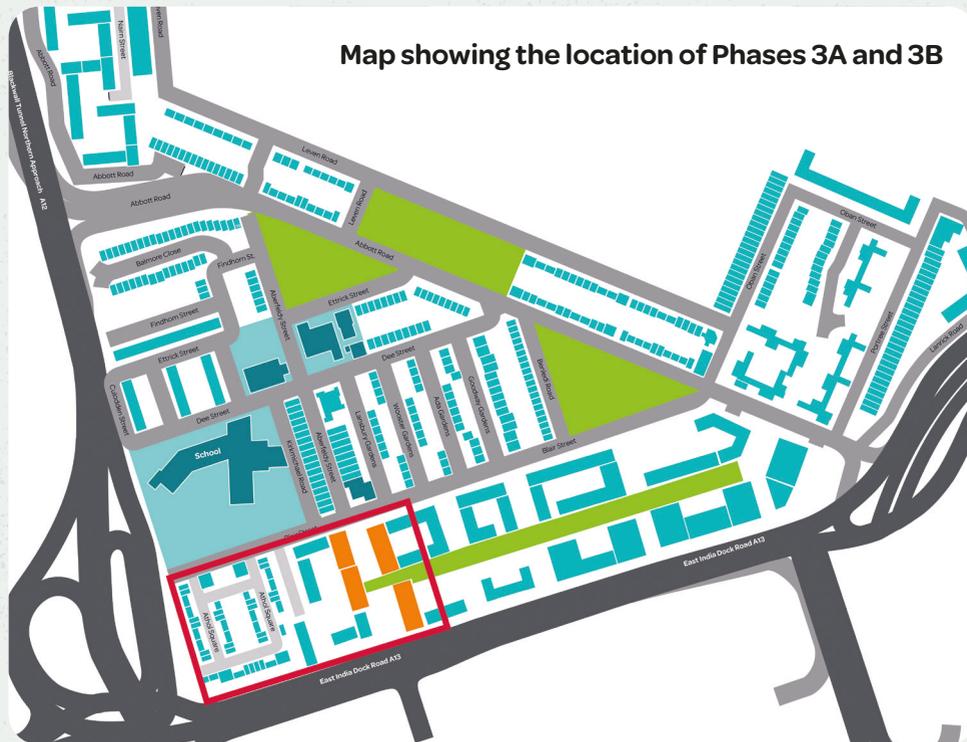
If you live in Aberfeldy, you can join the meeting online, using Zoom. Contact Daniel, from Poplar HARCA, on **07975 974354**, to register interest in joining the meeting online.

HAVE YOUR SAY ONLINE

We'll soon be introducing Commonplace, a new online engagement platform for residents. We know it's not always convenient to come to resident meetings but it's important that everyone still has the opportunity to have their say about the regeneration.

Commonplace is a great way to stay connected with what your community is saying and will help to make sure future planning decisions are representative of everyone's views.

We'll share the information you'll need to use Commonplace, by post, in the coming weeks.



BUILDING WORKS UPDATE

We restarted construction work on Aberfeldy as soon as government guidelines allowed us to. Here's an update on where we are now and expect to be in 2021 and 2022:

Phase 3A

- The new health centre and Wellone Café - design work and procurement of the contractors to fit-out both buildings is in progress. Work on site is targeted for March or April next year, with doors open to the community for both buildings expected by early 2022.
- 82 private sale homes, 30 social rent family homes and 9 shared ownership homes, have been built, sold and rented, and residents have moved in.

Phase 3B

- 223 new homes of mixed tenures, divided between 2 blocks, are being built. We expect the 2 buildings to be complete in October 2021 and March 2022.
- The 2 blocks also include a new grocery store, extra retail space and a separate, new community centre. Work to fit out these spaces will start in 2021 and we expect them to be open for business in Spring or Summer 2022.
- Aberfeldy Square, the public, open space, being created between phase 3A and 3B, will complete in Spring 2022.



ABERFELDY NEW MASTERPLAN TIMELINE

This timeline shows when we could deliver each of the next phases of the Aberfeldy New Masterplan, based on statutory timescales and processes. These timescales are not guaranteed and are subject to planning guidance from Tower Hamlets Council.

Development plan and phase A planning application	Spring 2021
Development plan outline planning approval and phase A approval	Spring 2022
Phase A	Start on site: Spring 2022
	Completion: Spring 2024
Phase B	Start on site: Early 2024
	Completion: Autumn 2026
Phase C	Start on site: Summer 2027
	Completion: Winter 2030
Phase D	Start on site: Autumn 2030
	Completion: Summer 2032

NEW ON ABERFELDY STREET

3 new business owners with a strong community focus, have been given one year of rent free retail space on Aberfeldy Street, as part of the START HERE programme.

- 🌱 **Aberfeldy Front Room** – a social, event and incubation space to spark local connections and activity, run by resident led group, Aberfeldy Big Local.
- 🌱 **More Life Home** – run by Natalie, an East London resident, who sells upcycled pre-loved household items and creates employment and volunteering opportunities.
- 🌱 **Roots** – Roots is run by Aberfeldy resident, Leon, and business partner Josh. Customers can book haircuts via their Digibarber app. The flagship store offers training opportunities for 13-18 year olds and a space for freelance hairdressers too.

“Having a local shop allows us to live out all of our dreams by doing the youth programme and cutting the people’s hair that we know in the community.” - Leon, Roots

📷 @aberfeldybl

📷 @morelifehome

📷 @rootsbarbershoplondon



NEW ON ABERFELDY STREET



Aberfeldy Boxing Club

Aberfeldy Boxing Club has been running FREE Box-Fit Bootcamp for young people over the October Half-Term. They are asking those who can to help fund their community classes.

To donate, visit crowdfunder.co.uk/aberfeldy-boxing-club

📷 @aberfeldyboxingclub



Aberfeldy Live! Talkaoke

The People Speak host Talkaoke, regular pop-up talk shows, from 27 Aberfeldy Street, and broadcast the conversations online.

Local people are invited to come along, online and in person, to talk about what's important to them and share their stories. Find out when the next Talkaoke is taking place, how to register & information about new training sessions for budding talk show hosts.

Search thepeoplespeak.org.uk/events to find out more or email

✉ info@peoplespeak.org.uk



Technicolour street

Aberfeldy residents will have seen the spectacular technicolour transformation of Aberfeldy Street over the last few months. The most recent additions, created as part of The London Mural Festival, and pictured, by artist 📷 @CaptainKris, have been described by 📷 @street_art_shotter as 'the coolest 2 book ends on a scene from a film'.

The transformation of Aberfeldy Street is intended to give businesses here a boost while celebrating the area's diversity and history.

POPLAR WORKS

Poplar Works

Poplar's new fashion workspace and training hub on Abbott Road, re-opened in May, after the stay-at-home period. Volunteers from London College of Fashion have been busy making masks and scrubs for local community groups, & businesses have returned to their workspace. Measures are in place to keep members, staff & visitors safe.

Creative workspace provider, The Trampery, have now taken on the day to day management of the building and new House Manager, Rosie, will be based at Poplar Works, day to day.



The Works Café

The Works Café, which runs from Poplar Works, is officially open! Run by Aberfeldy residents Alaina, Leon and Josh, The Works welcomes customers on Monday to Friday, from 7am to 8pm, and on Saturday, from 10am to 4pm.

Come down and try a fresh smoothie, delicious coffee and home-cooked breakfast, brunch or lunch.

📷 @theworkscafeldn



Free Make & Mend Workshops

Poplar resident, Asma Begum, has been running free workshops for locals, where learners create something new from old/discarded items. Although the sessions are now on hold because of current government safety guidance, Asma plans to run the workshops again, as soon as she can.

You can express interest in coming along by texting Asma on **07944 942 110** or messaging her on Instagram.

📷 @asmabegum_stylist

You can read Asma's story by visiting poplarharca.co.uk and search for 'Asma Make Mend'.



Rent Workspace

75% of the Poplar Works studios are occupied, with 60% being used by business owners from Poplar and Bow, including some brilliant designers, photographers, illustrators, makers and machinists.

Studio space is available to hire at the Poplar Works site on Abbott Road & The Makery on Teviot Street.

Find out more;

poplarworks.co.uk.

✉ hello@poplarworks.co.uk

☎ **020 3111 2480**

A MESSAGE FROM ST NICK'S

"We're pleased to be able to hold services in St Nicholas Church again.

Please join us on Sundays at 11am, with groups for children and young people aged 4+ and on Thursdays at 12pm. There are all the appropriate measures in place to keep us all safe.

If you can't be with us physically, join us for live-streamed services on Facebook, @stnickschurch, at 12 noon on Tuesday and Friday, and 9pm from Monday to Friday. Or you can watch the services back at a time that suits you best!

You don't need to be a member of Facebook to watch and they're open to anybody, as is our church.

If you are isolated or housebound please let me know so that we can offer pastoral care and prayer. We continue to work with Neighbours in Poplar, food banks and local health care providers to help those who are isolated and vulnerable.

If you would like to talk, need assistance or would like someone to pray for you or with you, please feel free to contact me."

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