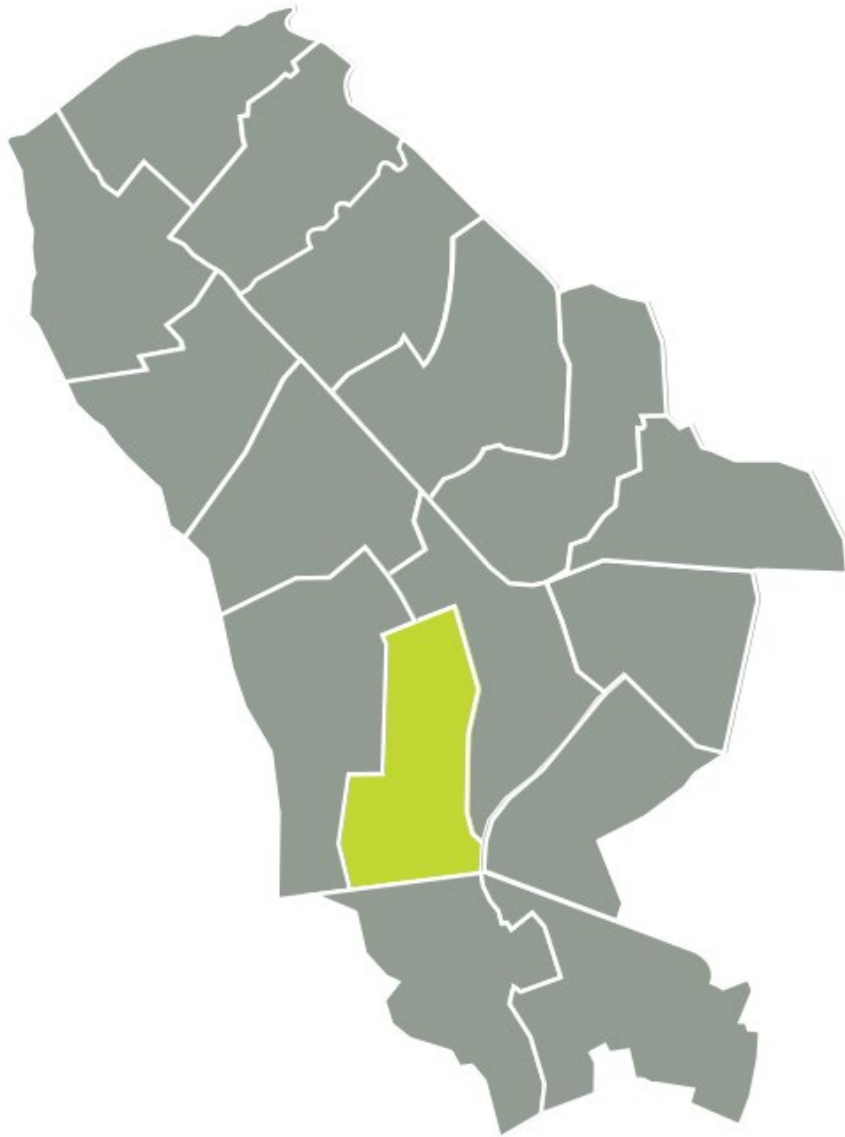


Barnsbury

Community Plan – March 2022



Introduction

Thank you for taking the time to look at our Community Plan for Barnsbury.

The Community Plan gives details of different schemes that, as your local councillors, we want to prioritise because we believe they will improve our area and enhance the lives of the people who live here.

Some of these improvement schemes have recently been completed, others are in the process of being implemented and some relate to projects we hope to see carried out in the future subject to funding becoming available.

As you can see, the projects in this Community Plan are wide-ranging. They include improvements to our leisure and other community facilities, initiatives that make our parks, streets and green spaces safer and more welcoming and schemes that make travel easier and more pleasant.

We work with local groups like tenants and residents' associations, schools, neighbourhood watch groups, gardening clubs, community centres and local special interest organisations of all kinds to come up with the improvement priorities that are set out in this Community Plan. If you have ideas for projects you would like to see here, then get in touch with us by sending us an email or by coming along to one of our regular ward partnership meetings.

The money to pay for the projects described in this Community Plan comes for the most part from financial contributions that developers are required to make when they build in our area.

Contents

The projects are split into three sections:

- Awaiting funding – projects that councillors are minded to support depending on availability of funds but have not yet made any allocations towards.
- Being Implemented – projects that have been funded and are ongoing.
- Completed – projects that were previously funded and now completed.

Details of potential, current and past projects are also available to view on our [interactive map](#).

Funding Allocations

Once projects have received funds they are listed as being implemented and then completed. Projects are primarily funded through contributions received from two different mechanisms secured when planning permissions are granted – Section 106 contributions or from the Community Infrastructure Levy. Please contact S106@islington.gov.uk for further information on the specific developments the funds originated from, if required.

How to Get Involved

Contact your councillor to propose a new project or attend a ward partnership meeting.

For more information about this community plan please contact us on either CIL@islington.gov.uk or S106@islington.gov.uk

Awaiting Funding

Sports and Recreation

Thornhill Bridge Gardens

Approximate Cost: £7,000

At present Thornhill Bridge Community Garden lacks access to a water supply. Therefore, the scheme will provide funding for Thames Water to make a new connection into the gardens and fit a new standpipe and water meter.

Transport and Public Realm

Barnsbury Ward Cycling Improvements

Approximate Cost: £37,000

The Council aims to increase cycling within the ward, firstly, by addressing the range of barriers faced by cyclists. Cost-effective investment will ensure that there is a reduction in casualties. Measures could include; Removal of barriers to cycling such as one-way streets and "No Entry" points. Improving infrastructure by providing enhancements such as Advanced Stop Lines, cycle lanes/tracks and signage where appropriate.

Liverpool Road Pedestrian & Cycling Safety Provision

Approximate Cost: £10,000

The project will introduce a range of measures aimed at improving the safety of both pedestrians and cyclists along Liverpool Road. The improvements will play a part in increasing and encouraging active travel throughout Barnsbury, helping to reduce emissions and improve resident's health.

Being Implemented

Carbon Offsetting

Barnard Park Ground Source Heat Pump and Green Roof

Allocations made:

- S106 (£43,300)

As part of the drive to reduce Co2 emissions, to meet the pledge of making Islington net zero carbon by 2030. Greenspace are proposing to install a Ground Source Heat Pump (GSHP) rather than an oil-fired boiler in the new building. This project forms part of the overall improvement works taking place at Barnard Park. The Barnard Park renewal project below provides further information on the works.

Community Facilities

Chapel Market Barnsbury Contribution

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£25,000)

Situated in the south east of the Barnsbury Ward, Chapel Market is a well-known historic street. The street is renowned for its traditional market, shops, restaurants and friendly atmosphere. Funds are now in place to support improvements with the awarding of £1 million from the Mayor's Good Growth Fund Accelerator and £400,000 funding from Islington Council. To ensure changes are to the benefit of traders and local people the design process will involve extensive consultation, which will feed into and lead any plans. Early proposals now under further consideration include new planting, paving, air quality measures such as electric vehicle charging for traders, idling reduction, a "Trader's Hub" and business recovery and development training, to mention a few. All works and initiatives will seek to ensure Chapel Market continues to thrive as a key part of the local economy.



Estate Improvements

Greening of Barnsbury Estates

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£20,000)

The project seeks to increase and improve the amount of greenery on Barnsbury estates, through the planting of shrubs, trees and climbers. The work will aid in creating a more attractive environment for residents and providing additional space for wildlife.

Small Scale Estate Improvements Barnsbury

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£15,000.00)

The scheme will create a pot which TRA's / TMO's in the Barnsbury Ward can request funding from in order to support smaller scale estate improvements. Councillors will need to approve and review all proposals, prior to the allocation of funding.

Open Space

Barnard Park Renewal

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£422,134)
- Strategic Local CIL (£381,611)
- S106 (£1,298,145)

The aim of the project is to undertake a major redevelopment of Barnard Park ensure it is fit for purpose, as it is one of the most important parks in the Borough. Works will include the refurbishment of the playground building, which contains the public toilets and attendants hut, as well as refurbishments to the play areas, sports facilities and pathways.



Barnsbury Ward Tree Planting & Street Greening

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£30,000)

The project will increase the number of trees within the Ward. With a view to increasing canopy cover and the benefits that trees can provide, with £7,000 allocated towards this. Furthermore, £23,000 has been set aside to green the streets and public realm. The work will involve the introduction of lower level planting i.e. shrubbery, grasses and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). The introduction of these will improve both the visual aesthetics of the area and contribute toward a greener and more vibrant ward.

Transport and Public Realm

Barnsbury Ward Cycle Parking

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£10,000)

The scheme will deliver bicycle parking at strategic locations throughout the ward e.g. near shops, transport interchanges, public buildings. These new parking facilities will ensure that the public are able to secure their bikes and will help to support the growth of cycling in the borough.

Barnsbury Ward - Street Accessibility Audit

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£18,700)

The project will deliver an audit of all of the streets within Barnsbury. The project aims to improve accessibility throughout the ward, making streets more inclusive and accessible for all. The scope of the audit includes people friendly streets in Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs), as well as non-LTN streets. It will examine both physical and non-physical barriers to access. The report will lead future public realm and street improvements in the ward.

Completed

Community Facilities

Accessibility Lift Youth Hub - White Lion Street

Allocations made:

- S106 (£23,000)

The scheme has provided improvements to the gym, sports equipment and facilities, in addition to the resurfacing of the roof terrace with artificial grass. The new and updated equipment will now provide opportunities to deliver new and different sports and healthy lifestyle opportunities, including first aid and gym instructor courses.



Claremont Project Community Centre

Allocations made:

- S106 (£7,930)

The scheme will replace the front entrance doors at the Claremont Project community centre. The doors are very heavy and pose a significant barrier to those not strong enough to open them.

Estate Improvements

Thornhill House Bicycle Shelters

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£5,000)

Prior to the work, the bicycle parking provision at Thornhill House was at capacity. The project has rectified the issue by introducing a combination of new bicycle parking options that include wall mounted and semi vertical. Additional work involved the repositioning of the old cycle stand to outside of the shelter and the introduction of several individual Sheffield Stands. Finally, the project saw the installation of a repair stand with an integrated foot pump, to allow residents to maintain their bikes.



Playspace

Barnard Park Water Play Feature Renewal

Funded through Capital Works Program

The original water feature in Barnard Park had exceeded its expected life span and had ceased functioning properly. The work involved the replacement of the original play features, with an assortment of modern water play equipment. Additionally, work involve the upgrading of safety surfacing. The outcome of the project is the creation of a modern and safe space for children to play in hot weather.



Transport and Public Realm

Barnsbury Square

Allocations made:

- CIL Admin (£97,348)

The scheme ensured the relaying of the pavement as per correspondence from residents to resolve potential trips and slip hazards.

Chapel Market

Allocations made:

- S106 (£22,072)

The scheme saw the installation of a new entry feature for Chapel Market and the Angel Business Improvement District (BID). To provide support for businesses located at the Upper Street end of Liverpool Road. Furthermore, the project delivered general improvements to help make the Market more of an attractor for visitors to the town centre.



Hemingford Road/Lofting Junction Zebra Crossing

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£8,750)
- S106 (£8,750)

The zebra crossing at the junction with Hemingford Road and Lofting Road does not satisfy current design standards. The proposal saw a buildout in Lofting Road to increase the distance between Lofting Road and the zebra crossing, thus allowing more time for drivers to react when exiting Lofting Road left towards pedestrians on the crossing.

