



## Brent Cross Cricklewood Transformation Update



### Building "endless possibilities" during National Apprenticeships Week

Regenerating Brent Cross Cricklewood is about more than bricks and mortar; it's about lives and futures too. But sometimes the two combine, such as with the apprentices who are helping to build the new community.

Construction work on the project is creating around 25,000 new jobs, whilst the three million square feet of offices will leave a lasting legacy of employment opportunities and infrastructure too.

Matthew Perrin (above) is just one of the young people we spoke to as part of National Apprenticeship Week. He is working on the construction of the new Brent Cross West station, which he combines with studying for a five-year honours degree in civil engineering. Matthew is also a champion of the value of apprenticeships, helping with the support programme for Barnet and Southgate College students run by our partner VolkerFitzpatrick.

"If you do an apprenticeship you have to dedicate yourself to it," said Matthew. "Working on the railways there's a lot of weekend work, there's your studies, and your family life – you can't be half-

committed. But if it's a career you believe in, and you're willing to put in the hard work and the effort, then the possibilities are endless."

Read about Matthew and other apprentices [here](#) on our website. Our partner Galldris have also shared the story of other apprentices [here](#).



### Find out more about apprenticeships

There are many opportunities and benefits offered by apprenticeships - and not just for the apprentices themselves.

Cali Ibrahim is Barnet Council's senior S106 employment and skills officer, working with employers and apprentices. He said: "Apprenticeships encourage organisations to keep industry knowledge up to date, including technical skills. In a recent study, 78% of employers said apprenticeships helped them improve productivity, and 74% said they helped improve the quality of their product or service."

If you are interested in finding out more about apprenticeships on Brent Cross Cricklewood regeneration project, email [skills@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:skills@barnet.gov.uk)



### **News that's worth making a noise about**

The future sounds like innovation at Brent Cross Town, with plans for it to be the UK's first major development to have a sophisticated approach to music and sound, influencing both its design and operations.

Developer Argent Related will landscape the town to protect natural sounds such as birdsong and the sound of water, design homes and offices to provide excellent acoustics, and link public spaces to audio networks for live performances.

Read the full story [here](#).



### **A path to the replacement homes**

Contractors have started works ahead of the new homes being built at Plots 53 and 54 in Brent Terrace.

47 homes are being built across the two sites, 30 of which will be for the secure tenants of Whitefield Estate. Clearance works began on 11 February, while work to create a new cycle and footpath started on Monday. The works should be complete in mid-March with minimal disruption to residents.

You can read updates on the works schedule [here](#).



## Cold weather? It's (s)no(w) problem

Despite the recent cold snap work is continuing successfully on Brent Cross West train station, which will offer services to central London in 12 minutes as well as direct links to two international airports and Eurostar services from St Pancras.

You can read our programme of works including planned out-of-hours working from December to March [here](#).



## What do you think of our communications?

As well as our e-newsletter, the Brent Cross Cricklewood regeneration team has a [website](#), a [Twitter feed](#), and keeps residents updated by post too. But we want to know what you think of our communications.

Please click [here](#) to let us know what you think - our questionnaire should take no more than two minutes to complete.

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