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Brent Cross Cricklewood Transformation Update



From programme directors to former international rugby stars, meet our female leaders

Monday was International Women's Day, and we took the opportunity to speak with some of the many women in leadership roles across the Brent Cross Cricklewood regeneration programme.

The project, which is delivering 7,500 new homes as well as tens of thousands of jobs and a new train station, is headed by Programme Director Karen Mercer. A recent survey found that more than a third of women in construction have never had a female boss, but Karen says gender has never held her back: "One of the great things about local government, and Barnet Council is definitely an example of this, is they are very good for promoting women into senior positions. What matters above all is who is the best person for the job."

Another outstanding female delivering the project is Isa Ribeiro, Project Manager on Brent Cross Town which will be the new park town in north London. She was previously captain of the Portuguese international rugby side, and played at five European Championships.

Before the pandemic Isa often went into schools to speak about careers in construction to young girls, and she sees changing attitudes at a young age as being crucial. She added: "Life as a

woman in construction has definitely changed since I've been in London. People's reaction to having a female project manager is completely different for example, and that's only a good thing. The whole world is changing for the better in that way."

Read more stories about the women who are helping make Brent Cross Cricklewood a reality [here](#) on our website. And any females interested in finding out more about apprenticeships or careers with the project can email skills@barnet.gov.uk



Philip is in tune with his dream

"The way I was brought up, I was always told you could be anything you wanted to be," says Philip Ihle, founder of Ihle Violins.

Which is how he came to live and work in Cricklewood, via Germany, Italy and Switzerland, and establish a worldwide reputation for his instruments.

Philip produces around 10 handmade violins a year, and has won a number of international competitions including a gold at the 2018 Violin Society of America Competition.

Read the full story [here](#).



New homes and a neighbourhood square

A series of 281 apartments have been approved by Barnet Council, in another major step forward for Brent Cross Town.

Following December's public consultation, councillors last week approved Plot 14, the first plot development in Phase 2 (South). As well as the homes it includes cafes, restaurants and shops, plus designs for a neighbourhood square which will feature landscaped areas with seating and space for local events to take place.

Read more [here](#).



Cleaning up in Brent Terrace

Our staff have been clearing rubbish and fly-tipping in and around Brent Terrace over recent weeks, filling eight vans with waste.

This follows the completion of a new cycle and footpath, with lighting and mirrors installed for added safety.

Main works will start later this year to build 47 new homes at the nearby Plots 53 and 54, 30 of which will be for the secure tenants of Whitefield Estate.

You can read updates on the works schedule for the site [here](#). And click [here](#) to arrange for bulky waste collections or to report fly-tipping.



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