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## Brent Cross Cricklewood Transformation Update



### Emma Blackman talks to us about burgers, community, and Fulham FC

Some people were born to do their job - and Emma Blackman believes that she is one of them.

For 17 years she owned and ran the food van Emma's Hot Food And Snacks on Brent Terrace Industrial Estate. She now runs the staff canteen at [Brent Cross West station](#), and spends her weekends running her food van outside the ground of her favourite club Fulham FC. And she absolutely loves it.

Emma told us: "It's the friendliest job in the world. On the industrial estate I knew everyone, and everyone was lovely. When they started building the new station everyone was friendly there as well, and they would come to me too. Eventually they invited me to run their canteen."

Read Emma's full story - including how she convinced Fulham to make her a part of the matchday experience - on our website [here](#). And you can tell us about other local businesses that deserve being celebrated by [emailing us](#).



### **New recruits show their ambitions**

Meet Tia Hirani-Shah and Himnish Bhudia, two of our local young people who have benefitted from our commitment to providing opportunities.

[Himnish](#) (pictured) has joined as an apprentice groundworker on [Brent Cross Town](#). After an initial two-week work trial he is now working full-time whilst studying at The Skills Centre in Southwark.

And [Tia](#) completed a week's work experience at [Brent Cross West station](#), where she learnt about career opportunities for women in construction and is now also looking to do an apprenticeship after completing her A Levels.

Learn more about the opportunities we offer across the programme [here](#).



### Latest development is all academic

Plans for student accommodation in Brent Cross Town are now available for you to see online.

The proposals are for up to 600 student bedrooms, made up of a mix of self-contained studios and shared student apartments, along with communal spaces for students such as dining rooms, a gym and study rooms. On the ground floor will be commercial space for restaurants and cafes.

Read the full story [here](#).



## Our art plans have a real electricity

Have you ever seen an electrical substation that was also an art installation? Well you will soon!

Artist Lakwena has been recruited to create a mural as an architectural 'wrap' around the Brent Cross Primary Substation, which has been granted planning permission. Lakwena is known locally for her creation, Queen Of The Air on Platform 1 of Cricklewood train station (pictured).

Read the whole story [here](#).



## Kiosk approved for Claremont Park

Building a new park is thirsty work - but don't worry, we're working on that too.

Because whilst Claremont Park will open in spring 2022, permission has also been granted for a kiosk which will sell snacks and hot and cold drinks. The single-storey building will have three public toilets, and have easy access to each of the footpaths running through Claremont Park.

Read more [here](#).



### **Trains, drones, and YouTube accounts**

The final weekend of July saw the second half of the overbridge installed at Brent Cross West train station, and you can see what it looks like on our [YouTube channel](#).

And you can see the latest developments at Brent Cross Town, with drone footage of the streets, squares and parking taking shape, [here](#).



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