



# Cundy Street Newsletter

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**Updated edition**

Including revised  
arrangements  
following the lockdown  
announcement



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# Dear neighbour

I hope you are keeping safe and well during what continue to be challenging times. We are continuing to do all we can to support people and businesses in the neighbourhood impacted by the spread of Covid-19. I was delighted that we were able to extend the government's Eat Out to Help Out scheme throughout September and we will keep doing our best to support people and businesses in Belgravia over the inevitably difficult months ahead.



Many businesses around Cundy Street continue to face huge challenges so I wanted to encourage you more than ever to shop locally and I'm proud to share more in this newsletter on how some of our fantastic local shops and businesses have adapted to these times.

I also wanted to applaud some of the great efforts of local schools, churches, amenity societies and community organisations to adapt and continue to serve the community.

We were delighted to support St Barnabas Church with its greening initiative which is designed to help keep the church open both as a community space and a place of sanctuary by creating a green meeting space where social distancing can be observed and those who pass by can rest. Planting and seating will be added to the existing church yard as shown on the left.

Now St Barnabas School is also fundraising for a new outdoor learning area for their younger children to explore and play safely and be used as an outdoor classroom. Many pupils do not have outside space at home and have had to spend

large amounts of time indoors during the crisis, so I was also delighted we were able to support their effort. Their fundraising is still ongoing, and I'd encourage you to read on for more from Head of School, Lauren Castle, on how to get involved and pledge your support.

Also included within the newsletter is the latest on our redevelopment proposals at Cundy Street and the amendments we have recently submitted to Westminster City Council.



Due to the latest government announcement of a national lockdown we will no longer be able to run drop-ins at 30a Pimlico Road. We will instead be hosting two online webinars and there's more details within this newsletter.

Thank you again to everyone that has played a part so far in helping Belgravia through this challenging time. If you or someone you know needs support, then please let us know and we'll do our best to help.

Best wishes,  
Paul O'Grady,  
Director of Belgravia  
Grosvenor Britain & Ireland

# Cundy Street Quarter – Development proposals update

The development proposals we submitted to Westminster City Council in May will significantly benefit a much broader part of the Belgravia and Westminster community. **The plans will almost double the number of affordable homes on the site including new social rent homes** for Walden House residents with the option to move just once into their new homes. Alongside much needed new housing the proposals will provide new amenities for local people, **the creation of up to 260 permanent jobs**, invest in new and existing public spaces and provide buildings which produce **90% less carbon emissions** when they are being used.

Since submitting the original proposals (Planning reference: **20/03307/FULL**) we have been continuing to work closely with local residents and businesses directly affected and listened carefully to the response from the community.

While we have had many comments of support there have understandably been some concerns raised too, and so we are now submitting an addendum to the original application to address the focus of these.

A number of concerns raised locally were in relation to the proposed landscape and public realm designs for Ebury Square Gardens so this is the focus of our amendments which you can read more about on the main page of this newsletter and see in the computer generated image below.

The amendments proposed do not respond to every concern. For example, we recognise that some people are concerned about the height of the tallest building proposed (11 storeys). However, to deliver the many benefits of the proposals, including but not exclusively the new affordable housing, we do need to maintain the proposed building sizes which have been designed to respond to the context of the surroundings. We have also already taken one storey off the tallest building following feedback from the consultation we held in June 2019.



We have also responded to a number of queries relating to the



**Tree  
strategy**



**Waste  
management**



**Transportation**



**Energy  
strategy**

As a result some minor amendments have been made to the proposals which only have a very minor impact to the internal accommodation of the buildings and some of the surrounding highways.

You can view the details of these amendments by searching for reference number **20/03307/FULL** on Westminster City Council's online planning register **<https://idoxpa.westminster.gov.uk/online-applications/>**.

Westminster will also be writing to everyone living locally with details of how to comment on the amendments, which we also encourage you to do.

We will be hosting two online webinars where we will talk through the amendments and answer any questions you may have. We had planned to run a series of drop-ins but this is no longer possible given the latest government announcement of a national lockdown.

If you would prefer to speak to a member of the team directly then you can contact us at **[cundystreet@grosvenor.com](mailto:cundystreet@grosvenor.com)** or call on **020 7312 7007**.

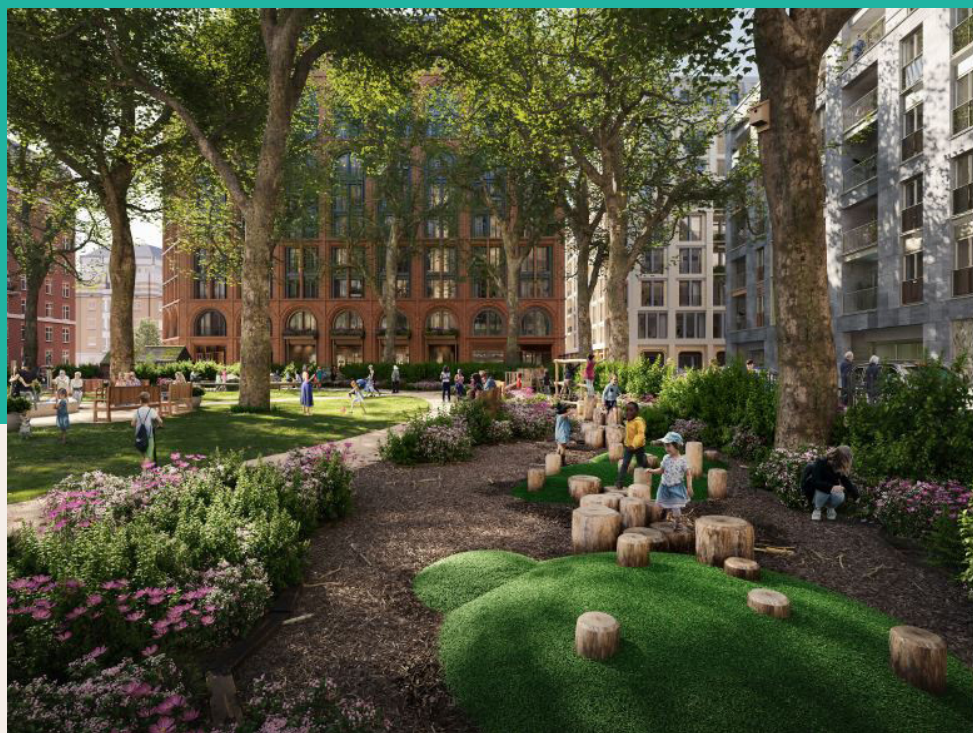
### Join an online webinar



**Monday 9th November**  
**18.00 – 19.00**

**Friday 13th November**  
**13.00 – 14.00**

To register for an online webinar please email **[cundystreet@grosvenor.com](mailto:cundystreet@grosvenor.com)**. Details about how to log into the webinar will be sent in advance.



## Meeting with Walden House residents

The team were very pleased to meet with ten households of Walden House in St Barnabas Church in September. Following the initial communication back in March, we continued discussing the offer for residents to move just once into the new social rent homes which form part of the proposals of the Cundy Street Quarter. We discussed the design of the new homes and the timings of the development and it was also a good opportunity for residents to ask us questions.

If you were unable to make it or have any questions, as ever please do contact us at **[cundystreet@grosvenor.com](mailto:cundystreet@grosvenor.com)** or call **020 7312 7007**.

Please do look out for our next proposed meeting in the new year and we hope to see as many of you as possible.

# Ebury Square Gardens amendments

Following the submission of the planning application in May we became aware of some concerns regarding the proposals for Ebury Square Gardens.

After several workshops, online and in-person, with residents of Semley House between May and August 2020, we are pleased to be able to respond to the concerns raised by revising the proposals for Ebury Square Gardens.

The amended proposals mean there are now fewer structural changes proposed and the new design will work with the existing layout of the Gardens.

Proposed new surfaces, renewed perimeter planting, and the refurbished central fountain will also encourage activity in this space to help address issues of anti-social behaviour.

## The changes will:



Introduce a variety of activity and play spaces for children of all ages, dispersed throughout the Gardens and away from Semley Place



Retain the fountain in its existing central location and keep the commemorative benches as they are today



Keep the paths in their existing arrangement but refurbished with semi-permeable surfaces to be more aesthetically pleasing and to allow rainwater to drain into the soil below



Introduce more suitable and varied planting throughout the Gardens to improve biodiversity, offer greater seasonal interest and help tackle anti-social behaviour



See Grosvenor take on the long-term management of the Gardens to enable better management of the space which for example will help revitalise the central lawns



Relocate cycle stands away from Semley Place



**Plan of Ebury Square Gardens as proposed in May 2020 (original submission)**

**Plan of Ebury Square Gardens as proposed in October 2020 (addendum)**



# Neighbourhood news

## Support St Barnabas School's new play area!

We were delighted to be able to contribute to St Barnabas School & Nursery's fundraising campaign for a revamp of its early years outdoor area.

Thanks to over 40 backers St Barnabas has now raised almost half of its £20,000 target and is calling on the community for help with reaching its target.

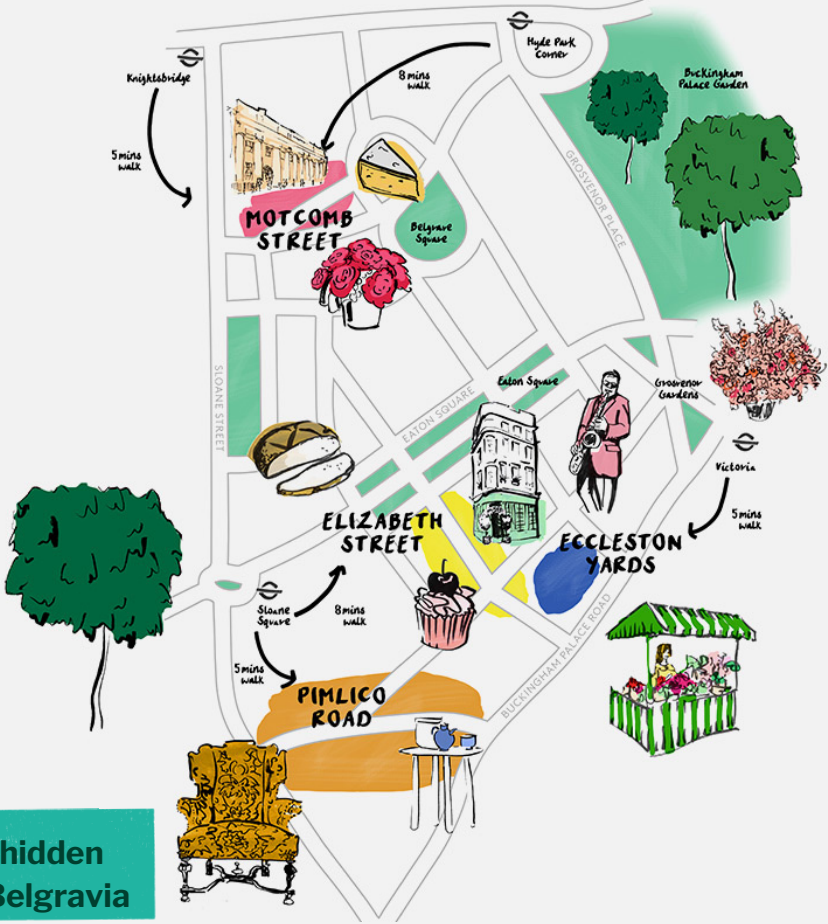
This new area will be used as an outdoor classroom by 3-7 year olds at the school for outdoor learning, creative play and for teaching children about nature and their environment.

Head of School, Lauren Castle, commented:

*“Many of our children do not have outside space and have had to spend large amounts of time indoors during the Covid -19 crisis. The new environment will provide a safe place for them to enjoy the outdoors all year round. There’s a real need to improve this space for our children to allow them to have an enriched learning experience. We still have quite a way to go at the moment so we’re really looking for any additional support.”*

You can find out more and donate at:  
[spacehive.com/st-barnabas-school-outdoor-play](https://spacehive.com/st-barnabas-school-outdoor-play)

If the funds are raised St Barnabas plan to transform the play area early next year ready for the children to enjoy it upon their return from the February half term.



## Discover hidden gems in Belgravia

Find Your Belgravia is the ultimate directory of unique experiences only available in this part of London. Filled with interesting finds and hidden gems, take some time to explore Belgravia and the treasure trove of interwoven streets. From art installations that bring the best talent from art galleries to the streets and green havens like EDEN to bring nature to the city there is something for everyone.

Visit [www.mayfairandbelgravia.com/findyourbelgravia](https://www.mayfairandbelgravia.com/findyourbelgravia) over the coming months to learn the history of the area, local events, guides to getting around, and stories from the people who make the area so unique.

## Fundraising success for St Barnabas' church

Congratulations to St Barnabas' church for reaching their fundraising target to create an outdoor green space in the churchyard. We've been following their Spacehive campaign, led by Father John Pearson Hicks, since it launched at the start of the year. We are delighted to support the project by pledging £4,500 to help meet its £6,213 target, which will go towards plants, soil, gravel, and garden furniture. We can't wait to see it take shape!

## Spacehive

**Do you have a project in mind that could improve your local community?**

We are using a platform called Spacehive to support local ideas which help to connect and strengthen communities in these challenging times. We could pledge up to £5,000 towards your project through the 'Our Mayfair & Belgravia Community' fund. Please do get in touch or visit [www.spacehive.com/movement/ourmayfairandbelgravia](https://www.spacehive.com/movement/ourmayfairandbelgravia) to find out more.

## Local businesses adapting to the times

We heard from Tony Gualtieri, Managing Director at Cubitt House about how The Orange on Pimlico Road had adjusted to the changing times.

*‘Cubitt House is a unique collection of pubs serving locally sourced, seasonal produce and drinks across 6 locations in Central London, three of which are in the heart of Belgravia: The Orange, The Grazing Goat and The Alfred Tennyson.’*

*On 20th March we were facing full closure when the country went into lockdown. But we decided to play an active role in the community by turning The Orange on Pimlico Road into a shop stocking local produce and supplies as well as delivering free food packages to those most vulnerable. Here you can see the Karolina in The Orange 'shop'.*

*When we could re-open our pubs on 4th July, it was clear that customers wanted to be outside to enjoy the lovely weather. We worked closely with Grosvenor and Westminster City Council to extend our external spaces. Thanks too to our great suppliers such as Taittinger who helped with the kit! Inside, we focused on creating Covid-safe environments whilst also ensuring we provided a hospitality experience that was as 'normal as possible'. ensuring our guests could sit back, relax and enjoy.*

*Our goal is to be at the heart of the community, and we hope in these challenging times residents and businesses can continue to support one another. For more information you can visit our website <http://www.theorange.co.uk> or simply drop by to say hello.’*



## Open-air market in Eccleston Yards

The Sunday Market in Eccleston Yards runs every week from 11am to 5pm, with live music and al fresco dining. Peruse the vendors selling the finest cheeses and chutneys, homewares and art, plants and flowers, sweet treats and delicious drinks, in the knowledge that everything is produced by independent labels and small businesses. In December the market will run on Saturdays too! Traders vary each week, so keep an eye on our Instagram @EcclestonYards to see who is coming.





For more information about the project and to stay up to date with the latest news, you can get in touch with us at:

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