

**Ponders End continues its transformation over the next few months. Find out more about what we are doing in this newsletter.**

## **1 ALMA DEVELOPMENT**

The regeneration scheme for the Alma Estate, delivered in partnership with Countryside Properties, is progressing according to plan. Construction of 228 phase 1 new homes, gym and a café are well underway; with the first 43 new Council owned homes for existing secure Alma tenants due for completion in Spring 2019. Part of phase 2A land has now been transferred. This will see the start of construction of the Youth Centre, Community Centre and Energy Centre and 340 new homes. The sale of the new private homes has now started. Please visit the sales office on site or [www.countrysideproperties.com](http://www.countrysideproperties.com)



# **IMPROVING ENFIELD** *Ponders End*

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## 2 ELECTRIC QUARTER

Developed with Lovell Partnerships Ltd, the first phase of the scheme has already delivered 40 new family-sized houses and 21 affordable flats for social rent. In September the second phase of the Electric Quarter project was given the green light, leading to 106 more new homes being built, 31 of which would be affordable. Significant improvements are also being made to the surrounding area and the high street in particular. Along with the new homes, there will be more than 750 square metres of community space ear-marked for a library and nursery, 1,349 square metres of commercial and retail space and new access roads, car parking and landscaping.

All the new homes are designed to Lifetime Homes space standards or above and achieve Level 4 of the Code for Sustainable Homes providing high energy-efficiency homes. The development includes attractive communal roof gardens to maximise the use of outdoor space and provide additional play space for children. In addition, the development has been designed with an integrated sustainable drainage system (SuDS), providing a primary flood risk management system.

**Lovell Locale** – Lovell created a beautiful new outside space for the United Reformed Church (see photograph) adjacent to the site – including landscaping, car park and replacement walls.

**Lovell Leading** – Lovell will continue to support community events with financial support for the Winter Festival as well as on-going schools and training activities. A welcoming event for all the residents of Phase 1 is being planned for early 2019.

Enfield Council Leader, Cllr Nesil Caliskan, said: *“The regeneration of Ponders End High Street will be truly transformational, and the provision of housing is central to this. By tackling poverty through high-quality and varied housing, we will be able to support the community, attract new investment, enhance the quality of life for residents and increase civic pride.”*



### 3 SARAH CARY INTERVIEW



Sarah Cary joined the Council in March 2018 as the Executive Director of Place. Sarah leads the regeneration programmes, including estate renewal, and oversees the strategic development and delivery of major frontline services. The Neighbourhood Regeneration team interviewed her recently.

#### Why did you choose to join Enfield Council?

*I grew up on the other side of the world, but in a place quite like Enfield. A suburban community to a major city, with a diversity of faiths and backgrounds. And so Enfield feels a little bit like home, and I recognise the challenges we have in providing quality homes and good streets for our residents.*

#### What was your first impression of Ponders End when you started out?

*My first impression of Ponders End was on a bicycle, when I spent time cycling around to get to know the borough. And from the saddle, it seemed a hive of activity with a number of regeneration programmes in the process of transforming the high street. Interestingly, I didn't notice how big the park was, and that still seems to me to be a place we could make more welcoming.*

#### What are you most proud of about Enfield?

*I'm proud of the diversity of Enfield. One of my highlights in the past year was working the electoral count for the May elections, staying up all night to oversee the vote counting. At three in the morning, the Lea Valley Athletics Centre was full of the rich diversity that call Enfield home – all ages, ethnicities, faiths, backgrounds, languages, sexualities. And with emotions running high on all sides, there was a tangible sense of trust, of respect and community. I hope we can bring that sense into all our regeneration programmes and celebrate the diversity of this patch of London.*

### 4 PONDERS END LIBRARY

Work at Ponders End Library is progressing and an announcement on the plans around the provision of the temporary library will be made in the new year.

In the meantime, Ponders End Library users can order books, DVDs, CDs, audio books and other resources which they can pick up at any of our other 16 libraries across the borough – including the local libraries at Edmonton Green and Enfield Highway.

The new permanent library will be opening in 2021.



### 5 ENERGETIK: PONDERS END HEAT NETWORK FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

The new homes at Electric Quarter and the regenerated Alma estate will be customers of Energetik, an energy company that's 100% owned by Enfield Council. Instead of supplying gas and electricity like traditional energy companies, Energetik provides heat and hot water directly to homes and businesses in Enfield from local sources. The heat is supplied through a heat network.



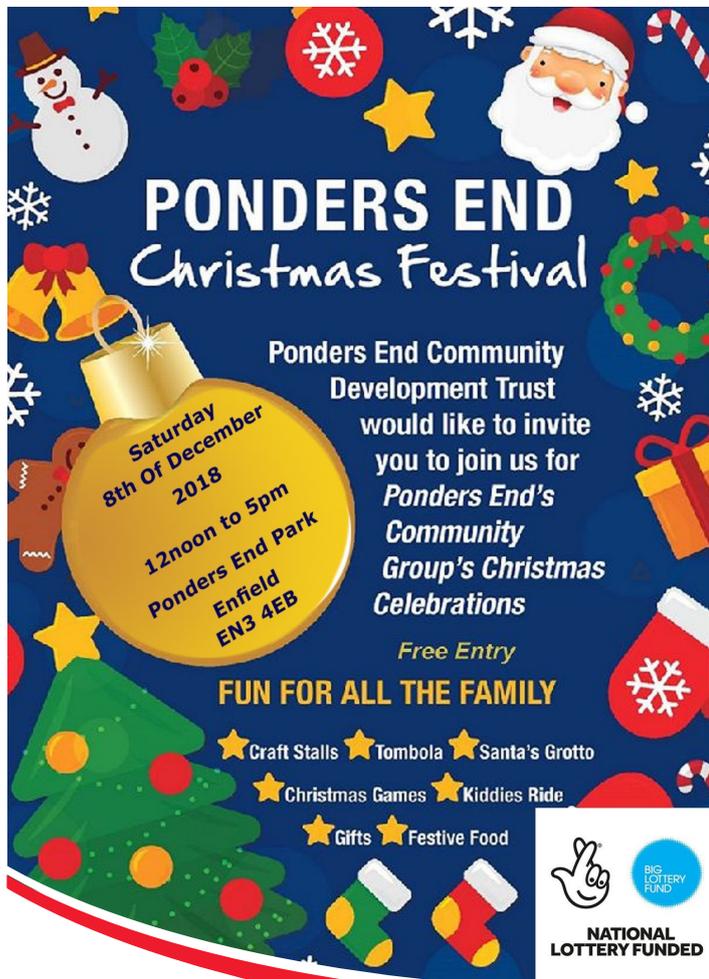
The Ponders End heat network will supply heating and hot water to the new Alma estate and Electric Quarter from a shared energy centre. Heat, in the form of hot water, will be pumped directly into homes through a network of highly insulated underground pipes. Members of the Energetik team will be attending drop-in information sessions as part of the resident engagement programme for the new Alma estate. The sessions will provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions about the service they will receive and understand how the heating system in the new homes will work.

Find out more visit  
[www.energetik.london](http://www.energetik.london)



## 6 PONDERS END COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

The Ponders End Community Development Trust based in Vincent House has been working in the community for several years and is run by local people for local people. Our aim is to help make Ponders End a better place to live, work and study. Over the last two and a half years we have been running the Qube on the High Street, providing a facility for Ponders End residents to celebrate special occasions; and for groups to run activities such as exercise sessions, tuition, and training. The Trust has also held exhibitions, health awareness days, ward forums and community policing surgeries. The Qube will soon be moving to another location on the High Street, to make way for phase B of the Electric Quarter development. We welcome volunteers to help run our project. To get involved please call 020 8443 3858.



**PONDERS END Christmas Festival**

Ponders End Community Development Trust would like to invite you to join us for *Ponders End's Community Group's Christmas Celebrations*

*Free Entry*

**FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

- ★ Craft Stalls
- ★ Tombola
- ★ Santa's Grotto
- ★ Christmas Games
- ★ Kiddies Ride
- ★ Gifts
- ★ Festive Food

Saturday 8th Of December 2018  
12noon to 5pm  
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 NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDED

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