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TARA Lisson Green Tenants & Residents Association

Dear Lisson Green residents: your Tenants and Residents Association TARA is inviting you to our next Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday, 4th September. This will also provide you with the opportunity to discuss issues concerning your home, block or the wider estate with members of the professional teams.

A lot has happened on Lisson Green since our last AGM. This newsletter gives you several examples for why it matters to have a strong residents organisation on the estate. It informs you about what TARA is doing with regards to tackling management problems (p.2), the decommissioning of gas on the estate (p.3), organising a residents' response to the major development plans for the estate (p.5) – and last, but not least, bringing residents of the whole estate, young and old, together. This time we'll hold a Summer Fair together with London Tigers on Thursday, 21st August. See below:

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THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST 2025
1pm to 5pm

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TARA

invites ALL LISSON GREEN RESIDENTS
to our

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 4th September, 6:00 pm

at Greenside Community Hall

Doors open at 5:30 pm

**Meet Members of the dedicated Teams of:
Housing and Estate Services, Repairs,
Antisocial Behaviour**

**Our local Councillors, MP Georgia
Gould and the Police are also invited**

Refreshments will be provided.

At the AGM residents will elect a new TARA committee. Joining the TARA committee provides a real opportunity for anyone who wants to improve this estate, have a say on how our homes are managed, tackle ongoing problems and help residents come together. If you're interested, please cut out and fill in the form on page 4. Any questions: email us (taralisson@hotmail.co.uk) or call us on 07813 858601 to discuss. Our telephone number for other matters is 07438 942782. Without a functioning TARA committee the serious problems presented in this newsletter could not have been addressed. Especially given the mess the estate is in Lisson Green needs a strong residents association now more than ever!



WHY WE NEED **TARA**: to tackle Management Problems, some of them serious

On top of all the disruption and disfigurement of the estate caused by the emergency works there have been a number of serious management problems which TARA has brought up with the Council. That's why its Housing service is now undertaking a short-term improvement project and promised to develop a set of measures. Here are just a few examples of what TARA highlighted:

The parking situation remains in crisis on the estate with significantly more cars than there are spaces for them. Lots of cars continue to be parked on double yellow lines. Following our interventions last year at least the traffic wardens come onto the estate more frequently now to try to enforce parking rules.

TARA continues to fight for more CCTV particularly in enclosed blocks that are experiencing high levels of antisocial behaviour, smoking, drug-taking and dealing by non-residents in communal areas.

Many areas are blighted by litter and neglect. Just one example: at the bend of Capland Street where once was a delightful garden the green area is run-down, two concrete platforms have been built, presumably to install heating units, and the whole area is infested with rats.

Along the canal we have limited lighting, vandalism, and high volumes of litter.

Vehicles continue to be abandoned on the estate with the Council failing to remove them in a timely manner. The photo below depicts a disused caravan between Tresham Crescent 1 and Linslade House. The caravan is reportedly being used as accommodation. Local residents repeatedly reported this. Only once TARA intervened did the Council issue a response. Yet at the time of writing the caravan still hasn't been removed. See below.



North of Tresham Gardens consecutive Major Works programmes have used large containers and installed white hoarding which gives the area a look of a permanent building site. Together with The Feathers Youth Club we would like to see young people create some urban art here by painting the hoarding.

Almost two years after completion of Daventry House a large area south of it remains hoarded off, depriving residents of much needed parking space. We were given assurances that in September works would start to finish off the necessary works there. When we inspected this new block's roof garden space on 21.6. we found a chaotic mess of debris, dying plants, and trip hazards for its residents, all living in sheltered accommodation. Apparently, there are serious structural issues as the space does not allow rainwater to drain properly. See below.



TARA helped identify altogether 22 concerns during an estate walkabout on 7th July. At least we now have a confirmed list of actions that need to be taken with an update to be delivered by autumn.

WHY WE NEED TARA: to address the Problems caused by the Decommissioning of Gas

Are you still being billed for gas even though it's no longer supplied? – This is one of the questions TARA dedicated two public meetings to. Unfortunately, often utility companies still charge residents for gas even after supply was disconnected. TARA made the Council aware of this problem and on 20th March we discussed the billing problems many residents have experienced because of the decommissioning of gas from the estate. MP Georgia Gould was our guest.



Lisson Green was built in the 1970s with prefabricated concrete slabs as a so-called Large Panel System (LPS) to create the structure of blocks. These are facing structural issues which could be severe if there was gas escaping in case of a fire, potentially causing an explosion. Additionally new legislation is now in force requiring stringent fire safety measures. That's why the gas supply has to be withdrawn from blocks as an emergency measure for fire safety reasons. The decommissioning of gas, installation of fire alarms in blocks, and structural surveys are expected to be completed by the end of this year.

At TARA's request the Council organised a further public meeting on 22nd July to address the issues residents are facing. See photo below. We were assured that all gas pipes are capped off when appliances are removed. Importantly, once that's done residents have to ask their utility company to remove the gas meter.

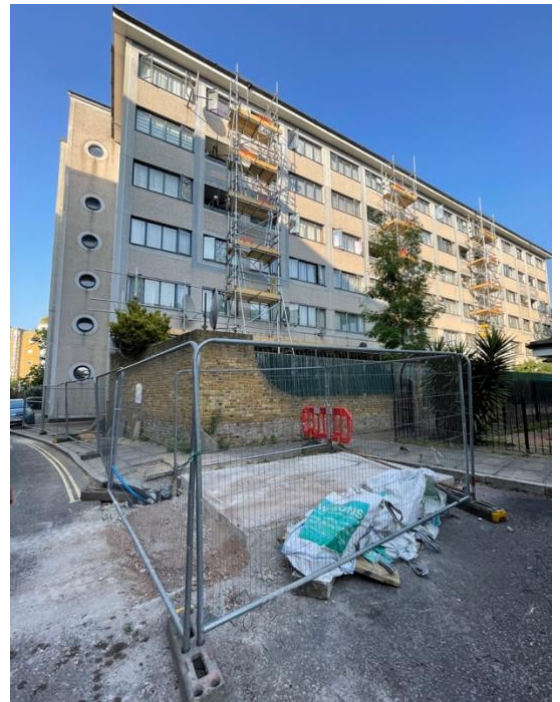


For many blocks external heating units (or gas supply hubs) have to be installed which need to be supplied by new pipes. That's why much of the estate has been dug up, ruining our environment and inconveniencing many residents. Some

emergency measures like scaffolding to carry out the necessary works often came with very little, if any notice.



Above: one of the (rather noisily) humming gas supply hubs. Below: the ruining of our neighbourhood caused by the emergency measures.



If you want to play a more active role on the estate, have a say on homes, repairs, antisocial behaviour and all things concerning the issues raised in this newsletter, **please join our TARA Committee**. Please see the form below to fill in and cut out. If you wish to know more about what this involves and how to do it, call us on 07813 858601 or send us an email: taralisson@hotmail.co.uk. Don't worry that you will be overburdened. It may mean much less work and commitment than you think. But it's essential for Lisson Green residents to have a residents association that stands up for them and represents their interests.

Lisson Green Estate Tenants and Residents Association

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Management Committee Nomination Form

DATE:

I wish to stand for nomination for the Lisson Green Tenants and Residents Association – TARA Management Committee

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Signature _____

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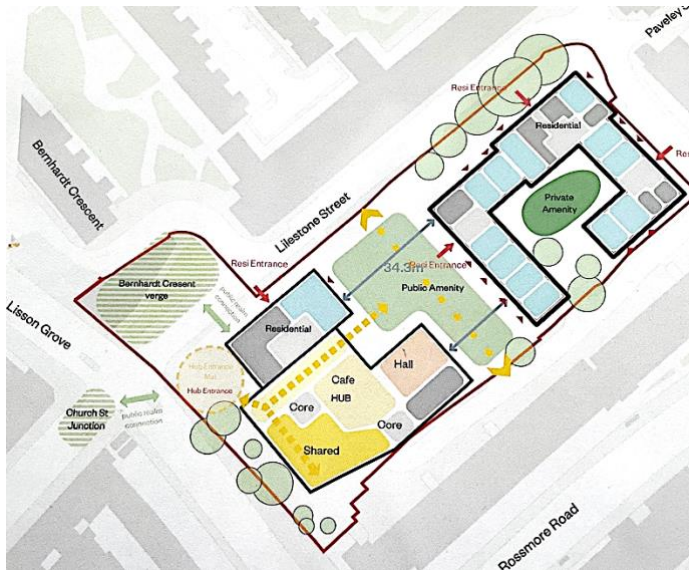
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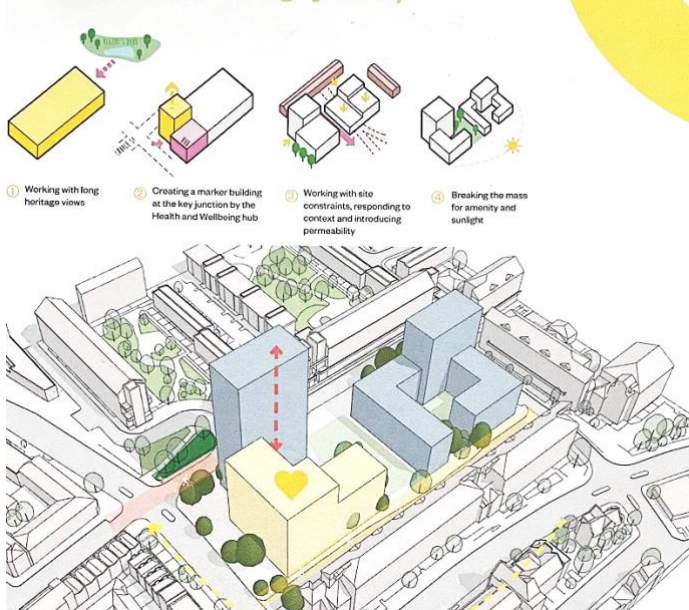
WHY WE NEED TARA: to respond to the Council's Development Plans for the Estate

Labelled 'Lisson Grove development', the Council recently presented its outline development plans for the large area south of Lilestone Street from Lisson Grove to where currently the housing office stands. Penn House, 4 Lilestone Street, Gayhurst House, Greenside Community Hall and the housing services centre are all planned to be demolished. The green outdoor event space north of Greenside would disappear.



A community hub is planned to occupy much of the ground floor. Housing and employment services are intended to occupy much of the first floor.

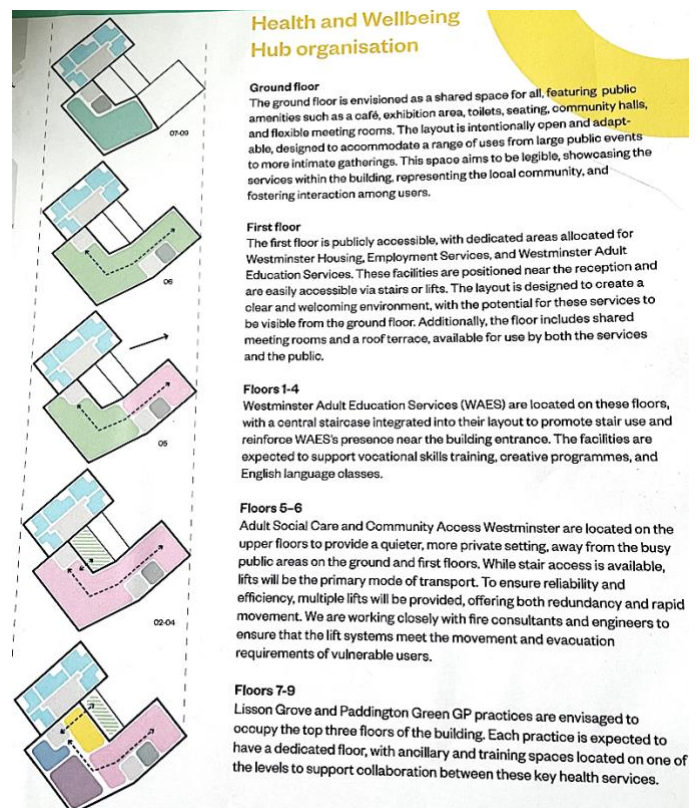
Lilestone Street - design journey



Council services, including Adult Social Care and prominently Westminster Adult Education Service (WAES) would be relocated here as their current home at the junction of Lisson Grove and Regent's

Canal shall be demolished to make way for a residential development.

According to these plans WAES should use several floors of this new 9-storey building. Instead of an integrated Health & Wellbeing Hub with a range of health services only the GP practices currently located in the Church Street area would move here. If you want to see your GP you would have to enter through the same entrance as everybody else and make your way in the lift to the 7th to 9th floor. See the image of the 'Health and Wellbeing Hub organisation' below.



As you can see on the image on the left, next to the hub a new residential tower block with 20+ storeys is planned. Separated by a green area another residential block would be built along Lilestone Street, formed like a square with an opening. This building would be at least as tall as current Lisson Green blocks, with one section substantially taller.

**Come to a special
Consultation Meeting
at Greenside Community Hall
to discuss these plans:
Wednesday, 10th September
Exhibition from 5 pm
Discussion, Q&A from 6 to 7 pm**

WHY WE NEED TARA: to bring Residents, Families, Young and Old together for FUN

TARA has a new website! Check it out here:
<https://taralissongreen.wordpress.com/> →

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In addition to our own Summer event jointly with London Tigers on Thursday 21st August (see page 1) the Feathers Youth club will be holding a very special summer event on 13th August.

Dream Team ensure Xmas Party Success

4th Jan 2025

For some it's the highlight of the year, and the "Dream Team" helped to make sure we had a Xmas Party enjoyed by families on the Lisson Green estate. This event took place on Saturday 7th December, 2024. Thanks to...



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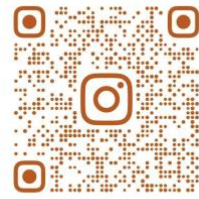
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WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

Mosaic Community Trust is an award winning charity organisation first established in 2005, catering for the most deprived, global majority community in the heart of North London, *Church street*.

Mosaic has since trained over 300 residents to become Indian Head Massage therapists and Health and well-being advocates supporting and helping isolated, lonely and vulnerable residents.

We continue to be the beacon of hope in addressing the ongoing problems of health inequalities faced by the global majority, through building partnerships and collaborations with NHS and Imperial. Mosaic has delivered over 100's of health literacy workshops and is recognised as one of the 'Go To Organisation' by Westminster City Council.

For more information head over to our website:
www.mosaiccommunitytrust.org.uk
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info@mosaiccommunitytrust.org.uk
Louise Hall-Community
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07462561885

We have recently been awarded the best neighbourhood centre of the year-2025 for providing safe and friendly drop-in spaces for women of all ages seeking companionship, health information and sign-posting support.

Mosaic offers drop-in sessions throughout the week, from healthy lifestyle tips, to therapeutic massage for pain relief. Whatever your needs, there something for everyone.

Our most recent community event celebrating 'Church streets past and present' was warmly welcomed by local residents, The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Ward councillors and local businesses. *Full report can be found on our website.*

Mosaic continue to thrive in reaching out to the most isolated communities, making sure their voices are heard.

Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most. Thank you for your continued support!

Activity timetable

Mondays
Holistic Well-being Hub
12-18 Salisbury Street NW8 8DE
10 am-1:30 pm

Tuesdays
Talk and Connect Café
12-18 Salisbury Street NW8 8DE
9:30 am-1:30 pm

Wednesdays
Wellness Hub
4 Lilestone street NW8 8SU
10 am-2 pm

Mondays and Thursdays
One Stop Service
66 Church Street Triangle NW8
10 am-12 pm

Fridays
Art for well-being
12-18 Salisbury Street NW8 8DE
10 am-1:00 pm

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Why joining the **TARA** committee can make all the difference

If you are one of many residents who feel bogged down with problems where you live, be it repairs, antisocial behaviour or the way the estate looks at present, you may think that nothing ever changes and that your voice isn't heard anyway. And indeed, if you're on your own, that's what happens all too often. You may also think that the estate feels anonymous with many people not even knowing their neighbours.

It doesn't have to be this way: with the TARA AGM to take place on 4.9 there's an opportunity for you to play a more active role on the estate, have a say on homes, repairs, antisocial behaviour and all things concerning our neighbourhood: just join the TARA Committee!

As you could read in this newsletter: while there is much left to improve TARA does make a difference.

Especially if several more residents join it won't mean much work and commitment for you. Feel free to call 07813 858601 or send us an email if you have any questions regarding committee membership.

We are looking especially for residents who may have some book-keeping experience or enjoy helping us with their digital skills.

If you wish to join TARA as a regular member, fill in and cut out the membership form below. Bring it with you to the General Meeting, leave it at Greenside reception or slip it underneath the door of our office at Fingest House next to the laundrette. Even if you are already a member, please fill in the form again as memberships expire after a few years. We don't need your precise address but particularly your email would be helpful.

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Tenants and Residents Association for Lisson Green

We look out for number one – that's you!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name.....(Mr/Mrs/Ms)

Address.....

Email/mobile telephone no. (optional).....

I wish to become/stay a member of the Lisson Green Tenants and Residents Association
(membership is free)

Signature.....Date.....