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# Newham Council Private Rented Sector E-Bulletin

**Private Sector Housing Standards**

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## **Message from Councillor Amar Virdee, Deputy Mayor, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Housing Needs, Homelessness & Private Rented Sector & Zulfiqar Mulak, Director of Housing Needs**

We would like to thank all the landlords, partners and speakers who took the time to join us at the Landlord Forum and contribute to the discussion 4 February 2026 at the Old Town Hall in Stratford. Your participation and insights are invaluable as we continue working together to improve housing outcomes in Newham.

During the session, we explored several key topics, including the temporary accommodation crisis and homelessness, and how we can strengthen collaboration with the private rented sector. This includes encouraging landlords to rent or sell properties directly to the Council in partnership with HPAS, Temporary Accommodation and Property Services.

We also covered important updates on the Renters' Rights Act 2025, MEES, the Decent Homes Standard, the Digital Correspondence Project for Property Licensing, landlord incentives, and the Food Waste Service and landlords' waste collection.

Building on the items discussed at the recent forum, we have outlined below a range of practical ways you can engage with services you may not yet be aware of, as part of our ongoing work to transform the support available to you in the private rented sector.

With many local families urgently needing stable, safe and local homes. Your continued support makes a real difference. If you are interested in renting your property to Newham Council, please contact us at [PRSsupply@newham.gov.uk](mailto:PRSsupply@newham.gov.uk) or call 020 3373 6463. We have families ready to move in immediately and would welcome the opportunity to work with you. For further details, please visit: [www.newham.gov.uk/housing-homes-homelessness/letting-property-us/1](http://www.newham.gov.uk/housing-homes-homelessness/letting-property-us/1)

## Landlord Forum 4 February 2026

For anyone who was unable to attend, or for those who would like to revisit the discussions, you can now access all slides, presentations and resources from the day on our Landlord Resources page.

[Landlord Forums – Landlord Resources – Newham Council](#)

We hope you find the information useful, and we look forward to seeing you at future events.

## Digital Correspondence Project

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, we would like to make you aware of Property Licensing: Digital Correspondence Project - <https://www.newham.gov.uk/landlords-newham/landlord-resources/6>

As part of our ongoing work to improve the service we provide to Property Licensing landlords in Newham, we are reviewing how we communicate with you and exploring ways to move towards more digital methods of working. At present, applicants are required to provide an email address and mobile number when applying and paying for a Property Licence. We would like to make better use of these details so that, instead of printing and posting letters, licences, and notices, we can send these documents to you electronically as PDFs via email.

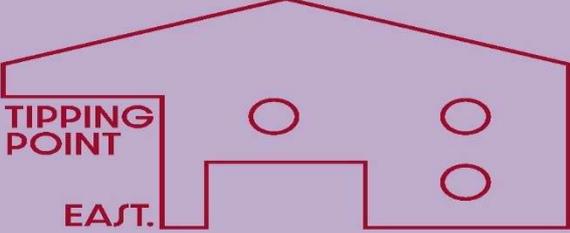
We are keen to gather your views and preferences on digital communication. Your feedback will help shape our future approach and ensure our digital solutions meet your needs.

If you would like to take part, please register your interest by emailing [PHEHProjectsTeam@newham.gov.uk](mailto:PHEHProjectsTeam@newham.gov.uk)

We welcome input from all landlords and managing agents, and we look forward to working with you to develop more efficient and accessible digital communications.

## UK's first Circular Construction Hub

We'd like to invite you to a site visit of the **UK's first Circular Construction Hub** and explore how we're **reducing waste and emissions from construction**.

Join us at the UK's first Circular Construction Hub in Newham, East London	Local Authorities	Circular Economy
	Tuesday 24th February 2-4pm	Monday 2nd March 2-4pm
	Construction	Community Groups
	Wednesday 4th March 3-5pm	Friday 6th March 10am-12pm

Tipping Point East brings together material reuse, low-carbon construction, green skills training and cultural activity to deliver the UK's first Circular Construction Hub to support a **just transition in the built environment**. We're piloting a new model for circular construction that demonstrates how reclaimed and bio-based materials can be used to retrofit existing buildings at scale.

Join a **site visit** to learn more about how the **Hub** is enabling councils, contractors, and communities to adopt more resource-efficient approaches to the built environment. The visit will include a tour of the site and Q&A.

*This project is being delivered by Tipping Point East by founding organisations Yes Make, RESOLVE Collective and Material Cultures, in partnership with Newham Council and with the support of The Royal Docks Team and the Greater London Authority. The project is partially funded by InnovateUK with DSDHA as guarantor.*

**Location:** [Charles Street, E16 2BY](#)

**Travel:** Pontoon Dock DLR is a 5-min walk away. The closest bus stop is Thames Barrier, serviced by buses 129, 241 and 330.

We have **four different site visits** that you can **sign up for on Eventbrite**. Please select the one most relevant to your sector/role, for a more targeted event and networking with other attendees. If you can't make it, feel free to join another event. Feel free to share this invitation - we look forward to seeing you in Newham soon.

**Site visit for local authorities** - Tues 24 Feb, 2-4pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1982198301479?aff=oddtcreator>

**Site visit for the circular economy sector** - Mon 2 March, 2-4pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1981998437681?aff=oddtcreator>

**Site visit for the construction sector** - Wed 4 March, 3-5pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1982197707703?aff=oddtcreator>

**Site visit for community groups** - Fri 6 March, 10am-12pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1982197950429?aff=oddtcreator>

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## Empty Homes Week - Monday 9th March to Sunday 15th March 2026

We are keen to make you aware of the upcoming Empty Homes Week in March. The London Borough of Newham is committed to supporting landlords and helping those who are struggling to bring their homes back into use. Our dedicated officers have already helped return more than 300 empty properties to occupation. Every empty home represents a missed opportunity. A property that's actively lived in, cared for, and responsibly maintained not only preserves its long-term value but also protects your investment.

We are determined to identify and reduce the number of empty properties and undeveloped plots of land across the borough. Where owners are willing to work with us, we offer support and guidance to help them bring their properties back into use.

### Report an Empty Property in Newham

If you are aware of an empty property, whether it is a house, a flat above a shop, or even a vacant piece of land, please let us know. More information is available at: <https://www.newham.gov.uk/housing-homes-homelessness/empty-residential-properties>

## Just Transition 2 Years on & Retrofit – Call to Action to Landlords

We have been actively working on Private sector retrofit engagement, identifying barriers and funding routes for landlords and leaseholders. We are keen to work with you, if you have any ideas on what else we could be doing or want to get involved email [climate.action@newham.gov.uk](mailto:climate.action@newham.gov.uk) you can also sign up to our newsletter via <https://www.newham.gov.uk/climate-action-newham/find-get-involved/2> Retrofitting is the process of fitting new energy saving measures to buildings that were previously built without them. This can range from small measures such as LED lighting and draught proofing to big changes like wall insulation and solar panels. There are various government schemes to help people install energy efficient measures in their homes to save money and learn more about retrofitting - <https://www.newham.gov.uk/public-health-safety/energy/4>

We declared a climate emergency in April 2019, and since then we've been at the forefront of delivering meaningful climate action here in Newham, through our award-winning Just Transition Plan launched in 2023. Fundamental to our actions is ensuring that our transition to net zero is ambitious and fair.

Our Just Transition Plan, the first by any local authority in the country, is already delivering tangible results: unlocking retrofit and heat decarbonisation at scale; creating agency for residents to participate in the energy transition through our community energy programmes; and building resilience to extreme temperatures and future flash flooding through pocket forest programmes in strategic borough locations.

Read the full report via -

<https://mgov.newham.gov.uk/documents/s184625/London%20Borough%20of%20Newham%20Just%20Transition%20Plan%20-%202022%20Year%20Impact%20Report.pdf>

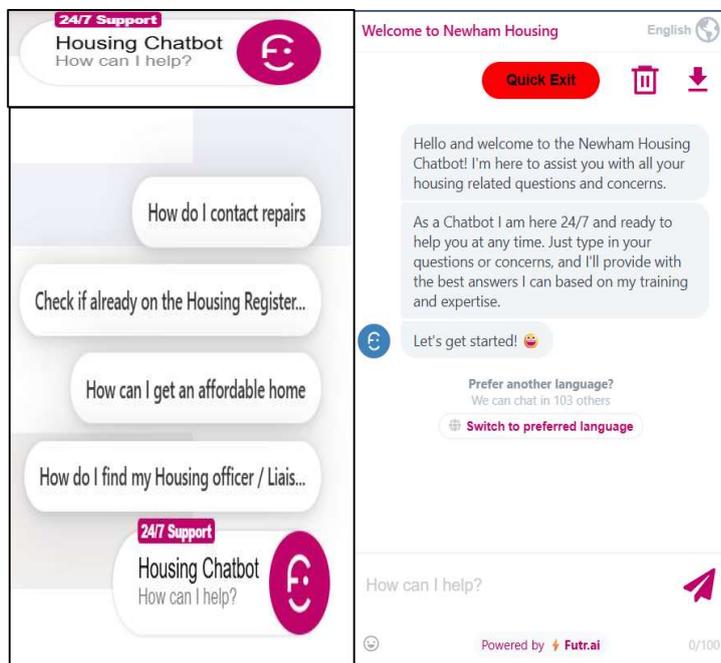
## 24/7 Housing Chatbot & Listen & Translate Features on Newham's Website

To make it easier for landlords and tenants to get answers and access to documents, we have introduced a new 24/7 housing chatbot.

The chatbot lets you:

- ✓ Send housing or landlord enquiries anytime, day or night
- ✓ Get quick answers on licensing, standards, and rent questions
- ✓ Save time and make it easier to deal with PSHS

Look for this symbol in the bottom right of the webpage at:



### Listen & Translate Features

[Listen / Translate](#)

All our webpages now include Listen and Translate tools, allowing content to be read aloud or translated into your preferred language. This helps ensure everyone can easily access the guidance they need.

These features improve accessibility for visually impaired residents and those with additional reading needs. This includes a read-aloud function, a picture dictionary to support users who find reading difficult, and a screen mask that highlights sections of the webpage in colour to make text easier to follow.



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