

# east village london E20



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## **WORK PROGRESSES AT EAST VILLAGE – LONDON'S NEWEST NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Nearly three thousand brand new kitchens are being installed at East Village, the new neighbourhood built on the site of the former Olympic and Paralympic Village, as work progresses in preparation to welcome the first residents later this summer.

Home to 23,000 athletes and officials of the 2012 Games, workers have removed over 12,000 linear metres of walling partitions which created extra bedrooms during the Games and teams of specialist fitters, plumbers and electricians are adding the finishing touches to the first of the 2,818 contemporary and stylish kitchens.

All of the kitchens are sustainably sourced, low on energy use and incorporate economical LED lighting for extended life. The average kitchen takes 1.5 days to install.

As well as fitting the kitchens, work is progressing to get it ready to welcome the new community. This includes installing infrastructure such as 80km of broadband cabling, fitting out a brand new health centre due to open in September and adding further planting to the many green spaces – which will have a total of 2,500 trees. The first roads in East Village have also been adopted as public highways and over coming months parts of the site will be opening up in phases, ready to welcome the first residents.

More than 1,600 people are working on the development and over a third are from the local community - ensuring that East Village is driving employment for the area as well as creating homes. The transformation of East Village is being led by the Olympic Delivery Authority, working with Lend Lease and 5 key contractors.

East Village is an entirely new neighbourhood for London and will provide 2,818 high quality, well-designed homes for thousands of individuals, couples and families.

Get Living London will be offering over 1,400 homes for private rent. Supported by the Mayor of London, Get Living London aims to make renting a better experience by responding to the acute need for new homes in central London and setting a high quality standard for the capital's residential market.

As well as this, Triathlon Homes will also be offering 356 homes for rent with a 20% discount on market rate, 675 social rent homes and another 348 through shared ownership. The one, two and three bedroom homes, offer purchase and rental options at below market rates for eligible applicants on a range of incomes.

Derek Gorman, Chief Executive of Get Living London commented: "As we progress to the first homes nearing completion, East Village is taking shape as London's first Olympic legacy neighbourhood and one of London's newest and best connected areas. With our first new residents set to move in later this summer, Get Living London is looking forward to introducing them to new standards of renting for London, in a vibrant new neighbourhood that blends the best of city living with attractive green space."

Geoff Pearce, Director of Triathlon Homes said: "The on-going works show progress towards realising the 2012 Games housing legacy. In just a few months' time, residents will be calling East Village home transforming this part of London into an exciting new neighbourhood. "

Mike Cornelius, Olympic Delivery Authority Director of Village and Commercial said: "We're making great progress transforming East Village into new homes of exceptional quality. This is the last piece of the jigsaw for the Olympic Delivery Authority. We built the Olympic Park on time and under budget and we are now committed to leaving lasting legacy from the Olympic Village – with East Village becoming the heart of a new exciting community here in East London."

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#### **About East Village**

##### **New homes for Londoners**

- A total of 2,818 homes, including 1,379 affordable homes
- Homes range from 1 bedroom apartments to 4 bedroom townhouses
- Designed for modern, sustainable living by 16 world renowned architects with construction, fittings and finishes to the highest standard
- Built to Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4
- 11 individually designed areas provide neighbourhood character

##### **Accessible living**

- Just under 10% of East Village's 2,818 homes specifically adapted for disabled people These 240 homes have been designed to exceed industry standards set by HABINTEG and are 100% 'Lifetime Homes Compliant'
- Adapted homes have design features to allow for chairlifts, hoists and rails to be installed throughout, kitchens have clear spaces underneath work surfaces, all electrical switches are easily accessible and there are downstairs bedrooms and bathroom facilities in all homes of more than two storeys
- The wider neighbourhood has also been designed to accommodate disabled residents with dedicated disabled parking for maximum access, charging points, illuminated and level entrances, wide doorways and large lobby spaces which are wide enough for at least two wheelchairs.
- Access to each of the buildings within East Village is also consistent, with gently sloping ramp access ensuring the process of moving from home to outside transport is step-free and straightforward.

##### **Spacious living**

- Spans over 27 hectares of land, equivalent to St James's Park
- More than 10 hectares of new parks and open space

- Mature landscaped gardens with five park areas, public squares, play areas and courtyards
- Next to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park – 285 hectares of parkland, waterways, and nature trails connected by paths for jogging cycling and walking
- Connected to the Lea Valley – 26 miles of parkland from Hertfordshire to the River Thames, with the 10,000-acre Lea Valley Park

#### **Time and choice**

- One of the best connected neighbourhoods in London
- Stratford International and Stratford Regional stations offering links to London's key locations
- Reach the west end in 20 minutes, St Pancras International in 6 minutes (by High Speed 1), Canary Wharf in 12 minutes, Ashford in less than 30 minutes and London airports within an hour
- Over 30 local and independent shops, cafes and restaurants
- Steps away from Westfield Stratford City, Europe's newest and largest shopping centre parks
- Adjacent to the world-class sporting venues of Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
- A world-class education campus, Chobham Academy, with 1,800 places for students aged 3-19
- A state-of-the-art medical centre with full range of healthcare services

#### **What's happening now at East Village**

- East Village is currently being transformed following its use as athletes' accommodation during the Olympic and Paralympic Games last summer.
- Brand new kitchens are being fitted, and partitions are being taken away that created extra bedrooms for the athletes during the Games. Final fittings and landscaping are taking place to prepare East Village for its first residents to move into later this summer.

For further details look at [www.eastvillagelondon.co.uk](http://www.eastvillagelondon.co.uk)