

# This week's story looks at events related to ...





## Let's look at this week's story

A new town, called Barking Riverside, is being built in East London to help provide more homes in the local area. It will include around twenty thousand homes, as well as schools, parks, and shops for people to use. Many people are expected to move there in the future as the area continues to grow.

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Watch this week's useful video [here](#).  
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



# What's happening in the news this week?



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Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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# What makes a great place to live?

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# Useful Vocabulary



## Affordable

Something that is reasonably priced, so a person is able to pay for it.

There aren't enough **affordable** places to live.

## Facilities

The places, pieces of equipment, or services that are provided for a specific purpose.

Consider what there is to do there and what **facilities** it has.

## Industrial

The process of making things in large amounts, usually in big factories using powerful machines.

It used to be an **industrial** site with a power station!

## Neighbourhood

The area or district where people live. It is the part of a town or village that surrounds a person's home.

Barking Riverside is a brand new **neighbourhood** being built in east London, next to the River Thames.

## Projects

Carefully planned pieces of work that take place over a period of time.

Whilst many people are happy about the new town and similar **projects** to build more homes, others aren't as happy.

## Town

A type of settlement where many people live and work. It's much larger than a village, but usually smaller than a city.

A new **town**, called Barking Riverside, is being built in East London to help provide more homes in the local area.

**Can you use them in a conversation this week?**



Read the information found below, which provides more details about Barking Riverside. Is there anything else you would like to see there that hasn't been mentioned?

### How big will it be?

Up to 20,000 homes are planned, and around 50,000 people could live there.

### What was there before?



It used to be an industrial site with a power station!

### Why is it being built?

More and more people need homes, cities are growing, and there aren't enough affordable places to live.

## Barking Riverside: A new town in the making!

Barking Riverside is a brand-new neighbourhood being built in East London, next to the River Thames.



**Above:** What Barking Riverside could look like when it's finished.  
**Source:** Abbey Quay.

### What will be there?

Family homes

Student housing

Schools



Parks and green spaces

A community centre

Train station



Cafes and restaurants

Shops



A river boat station for travel to other places!



Look at the resource below, which shows some important things a town needs. Decide which is the least important and which is the most important, then rank them in the bubbles from 1–10.



hospital



supermarket



transport links



shops



schools



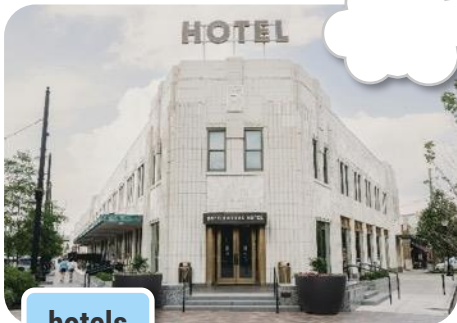
park



care homes



cafes



hotels

What do you think each building or place is used for?

Who might use each building or space?

If one of these places wasn't in the town, what would happen?

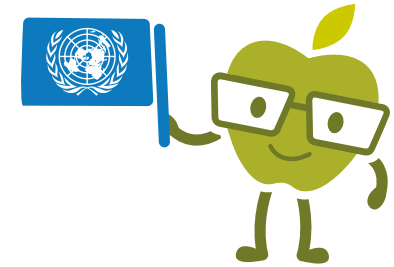
Can you think of anything else a town needs to make it a good place to live?



sports centre



# UN Rights of the Child



Every child has the right to a safe place to live. Barking Riverside will help to make sure children have the shelter and space they need to learn and grow, by building new homes, schools, and parks.





# Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Barking Riverside will have shared spaces where people will come together as one big community. When neighbours show mutual respect and tolerance, it creates a place where everyone feels they belong.

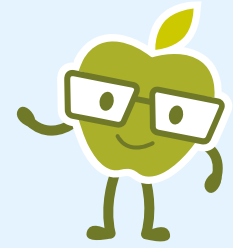
# Protected Characteristics



Barking Riverside will be a community for everyone. It has been designed so every person is valued and included, no matter their religion or belief.



# Reflection



A place isn't just about where we live – what really matters is how we live together. How we care for our local community can make a big difference to everyone.

