

### Conservation area flats in up-and-coming De Beauvoir Town

RESIDENTS of De Beauvoir Town consider themselves Islingtonians despite paying council tax to Hackney. This enclave of mainly early Victorian houses built on the back of the canal trade has more in common with the gentrified terraces of Highbury than the cool lofts of Hoxton, but development ripples spreading out from both of those places are meeting in the middle, helping to blur borough

boundaries. City Road and Kingsland canal basins are key pieces in this amalgamation jigsaw. Wharves and factory premises are making way for smart new homes. Firms of architects, designers and digital start-ups are settling into the quiet backstreets and a sprinkling of gastropubs includes The Rosemary Branch in Shepperton Road, N1, also a noted theatre and music venue.

The neighbourhood appeals to City professionals. **De Beauvoir Apartments**, below, is a new scheme of 10 flats in Stamford Road, Dalston, in the Kingsland conservation area. Prices from £615,000. Call Hamptons International on 020 3451 1544.

