

## **An affordable route into a new build home**

One of Newlon's newest developments is Thomas Road, based in Tower Hamlets and built in conjunction with Bellway. One of the residents there shares her story.

Sarah works as a radiographer for the NHS, specialising in head and neck. She previously lived in an intermediate rent property in North London before deciding to buy at Thomas Road.

"I wanted to have somewhere that felt like it was mine, which I could decorate and make my own," explained Sarah. "I've lived in lovely places, but I could never change things to suit me."

"Owning my own home also means a landlord can't decide to sell the property I am living in and make me move. When I was renting that was a constant worry each year."

Sarah was attracted to shared ownership as it enabled her to buy a property with a smaller deposit in an area where she might not otherwise have been able to afford, so set about trying to find one.

"I signed up to shared ownership emails and waited for a suitable home to come on the market in the location I wanted to live. Thomas Road is a new build which made it enticing as I would be the first to be in it."

"I love my home. It has lots of natural light from the windows and it is well designed, with a large balcony off the living room and bedroom. It is the perfect size for me."

As well as being pleased with the amenities it offers – including a gym and roof garden – she is also happy with the transport links and location.

"My new home is well connected to tubes, the DLR and bus routes. There are several parks nearby and it has good access to shopping areas, such as Canary Wharf and Stratford."

"Having local shops for fresh food and a big shopping centre is great, as it means I can both support local businesses while also having all the products I need within easy reach."

As well as enjoying her new home, Sarah also found the buying process easy.

"I have to admit I had very little knowledge of the process, but Newlon's sales team were great. They were always contactable and I completed in less than 12 weeks."

"On completion day I was so happy with Natasha from the team, who showed me round. I even got a welcome pack which was a lovely touch."

"I would definitely recommend shared ownership. I never would have been able to afford to buy my own home without it. I have only been in my property for a few months, but it already feels like home."