DEAR RESIDENT

Autumn has arrived and with it our attention has turned to the red and yellow phases of the project.

With the initial phases of the project ‘topped out’ and on target to meet their scheduled completion dates (see page 4-6), we are preparing to bring forward the next two residential phases. Both red and yellow are medium rise developments which incorporate more of the promised community facilities that we have said all along would be delivered at the beginning.

We expect work to start on the red phase in early 2021, which will deliver a further 124 homes of which 107 will be affordable including 68 sheltered apartments for older people. The energy centre and the central square are also included in this phase, (turn to page 3 for a closer look).

The yellow phase is the beating heart of the development with its shops, community facilities and prime location bordering both the central square and central park. This ‘civic quarter’ will be defined by four apartment blocks of unique appearance. Between them they will provide 125 one, two and three bedroom apartments with views of the shared podium garden or neighbouring public spaces. 59 apartments will be affordable.

Also within this phase is a standalone five-storey block consisting of 43 one, two and three bedroom apartments, all of which will be affordable. This part of the build will mirror the look and feel of the neighbouring purple phase.

We hope work on the yellow phase will start mid-2021. I have to say ‘hope’ because of the uncertain times we are currently all living through. With the recent making of the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO), we will soon be able to secure the remaining land interests we need, which is another step forward for the project.

Please continue to stay safe, protect yourself and others.

Cllr David Bittleston
Lead Member for the Sheerwater Regeneration Project

COMMUNITY NEWS

YOUR SUGGESTIONS NEEDED

Clrs Ali, Aziz and Raja are inviting Canalside residents to suggest what infrastructure improvements they would like to see in their ward. Canalside covers the whole of Sheerwater and the area between the Basingstoke Canal and train line, up to and including the one-way system in Woking town centre. From play areas to flood defences, please email your suggestions to cllrmohammad.ali@woking.gov.uk

GET YOUR FREE FLU JAB

Research shows you’re more likely to be seriously ill if you get flu and coronavirus at the same time. If you’ve been invited for a free flu jab this year, please get in touch with your local GP practice to book an appointment.

If you’re not eligible but keen to protect yourself and others from flu this season, you can pay for a flu jab. Most pharmacies offer this service and charge between £13-15. Ring in advance to check availability and cost.

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More news and updates at www.woking.gov.uk/sheerwater
NEWS IN BRIEF
UPDATES TO THE COMMUNITY CHARTER
The latest version of the Sheerwater Community Charter is available to
view now on the council’s website. The charter sets out our commitment
and compensation arrangements for residents directly affected by the
regeneration.
As the development progresses, the charter will be updated to reflect any
changes to legislation or council decisions. Latest updates include changes
to home-loss and disruption payments. View the charter online at woking.
gov.uk/sheerwater

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During normal office hours
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Regeneration Housing
Support Team to investigate.
The team carries out regular
patrols and has been working
with ThamesWey and Serco
to secure void spaces and
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To contact the team, please
call 01483 743870 or email
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RED PHASE – A CLOSER LOOK
Red phase takes in the green at the
top end of Dartmouth Avenue, St
Lukes Court, the site of the former
Birch and Pines Pub (currently
used for contractor parking) and a
number of neighbouring properties
on Dartmouth Green, Dartmouth
Avenue and Albert Drive.
In their place a mixed-use six-storey
apartment building, five-storey
sheltered housing block, a line of
mixed-use maisonettes and a
mews street will provide 124 homes
and 1,000sqm of non-residential
floor space.
This phase will be similar in
appearance to the purple phase (see
page 4). Resident parking will be
concealed by a large podium garden
at the centre of the development that
has the potential to accommodate a
bowling green, terraced seating and a
private play area.
The Central Square with its tree-lined
pedestrian pathways, lawns and
inviting seating areas will provide
a striking gateway to the whole
development. It also lends itself
to alfresco dining opportunities
associated with the non-residential
units that will open out on to it.
The red phase forms part of the
‘neighbourhood spine’, one the
five distinctive character areas
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**DEVELOPMENT UPDATE — PURPLE PHASE**

A medium rise development incorporating Murray Green, 10 three-storey town houses and 82 one, two and three bedroom apartments.

**The superstructure is now complete.**

This means the six-storey apartment block and town houses which comprise this phase are now clearly defined. With the load-bearing framework, internal partitions and roof structures in place, work on the exterior finish and internal fittings can progress.

At ground level the three-storey terraced houses facing Murray Green have partially recessed front entrances for privacy and patterned red bricks that denote individual plots and complement neighbouring properties. The main living space for each town house is located on the first floor which to the rear, open out onto private podium gardens. At the front, the principal window for each property will sit proud of the facade, forming a window seat overlooking a revitalised green.

Across the way, each apartment has a private balcony recessed and tapered for maximum privacy and weather protection. Floor to ceiling windows let in generous amounts of light and ventilation louvres, concealed by decorative perforated panels, allow the air to flow.

The sixth floor of the apartment block has been set back to reduce the visual impact on the surrounding area. The light buff facing brick, with its variation in colour and texture, has also been carefully chosen for its softer appearance.

**Happening next on site:**

- Completion of the façade – brick cladding, metal screens
- Removal of the scaffolding
- Removal of the crane
- Perimeter landscaping
- Internal painting
- Continued fit out of kitchens and bathrooms.

**FREE AND INDEPENDENT ADVICE FROM AWICS**

Secure council tenants living within the regeneration area can access free, independent impartial advice about their housing rights from an independent tenant advisor, Adrian Waite.

You can call Adrian on 0800 321 3461 or email him at sheerwater@awics.co.uk

Any conversations you have with Adrian will remain confidential.

More information about AWICS please visit awics.co.uk/a-new-vision-for-Sheerwater
DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – LEISURE PHASE

A brand new leisure centre with five-court sports hall, 25m swimming pool, teaching pool, fitness suite, two multi-purpose studios and a flood-lit all-weather 3G football pitch.

Inside the leisure centre the different elements of the build are taking shape. The six-lane, 25m pool is tiled and the moveable floor has been fitted in the teaching pool. The changing rooms, which can be configured to suit different activities and group sizes, are being tiled and alongside, lockers and water-saving showers are being installed.

The five-court sports hall is painted along with lockers and water-saving showers. The five-court sports hall is painted along with lockers and water-saving showers. The moveable floor has been fitted in the teaching pool.

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SHEERWATER HEALTH CENTRE OPEN FOR APPOINTMENTS AND NEW PATIENT REGISTRATIONS

We provide high-quality accessible care for Sheerwater residents and people living in parts of New Haw, West Byfleet and Pyrford.

Our health centre is open Monday to Friday with appointments available between 8am to 1pm and 2pm to 6.30pm. Outside of these hours a wide variety of wellbeing advice can be found on our website, sheerwaterhealthcentre.nhs.uk, where you can also book appointments, request medication, ask questions or register as a new patient.

Our aim is to provide a safe, responsive and professional service. Appointments are being provided face-to-face, online and over the telephone.

Please only come to the health centre if you have been asked to do so by a member of the team and please wear a face covering unless exempt.

Stay safe and remember we’re here if you need us. Call 01932 343524

The Sheerwater Health Centre team

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Do you need help understanding this information?

Czy potrzebujesz pomocy w zrozumieniu tych informacji?

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