

SHEERWATER

REGENERATION PROJECT UPDATE APRIL 2019

Dear Resident.

You will have heard by now that the revised hybrid application submitted by our developer, ThamesWey, has been given planning consent, subject to conditions. This means work will start on site within a matter of weeks.

I appreciate that this will sound all too familiar but I want to give you my personal assurance that things will start to happen. A lot of detailed work has gone into the latest scheme, a large proportion of which now has full consent. At the start of the month, the Council also released funds to commence the first phase (purple) of the redevelopment, which will see work start on 92 of the consented 1,142 homes. As with the whole of the scheme, half of these 92 homes will be affordable.

I am still pushing to see the new community facilities delivered first in order to give residents benefit and sanctuary during the other construction phases. I am pleased to report that since my last update, the Council is now tantalisingly close to agreeing the terms of the new leisure centre and pool with Bishop David Brown.

With momentum building behind the project, I was also pleased to receive correspondence from the Minister of State for Housing confirming approval of £9.3 million towards our project.

After many years in the planning, I feel a sense of springtime optimism, which I hope you will share after reading this

update. I'm always keen to hear your feedback, particularly your thoughts about how you wish to be kept informed and involved as the project progresses. You can email me at CllrDavid.Bittleston@woking.gov.uk or you can let the Sheerwater Regeneration Housing Support Team at Parkview know.



Cllr David Bittleston
Leader of Woking Borough Council

Scheme update

Included in the details of ThamesWey's scheme is an overview of the proposed construction phases.

The order of the phasing ensures there is no loss of any existing facilities prior to their re-provision. From start to finish, the project is expected to take six years to complete.



About the purple phase

This is a medium rise development incorporating Murray Green. The property mix includes ten three-storey houses and 82 one to three bed apartments available for social and market rent.

The landscape framework within this phase comprises a pocket park, podium gardens, and tree-lined frontages to Central Square and Bunyard Drive. It provides one of the primary gateways into the development from Albert Drive.

PHASES
Purple
Leisure facilities
Copper
Yellow
Red
Emerald
Cyan
Green
Pink
Orange
Blue
Bronze
Cobalt
Gold
Platinum



Your frequently asked questions

The Sheerwater Regeneration Housing Support Team has been established to help make the regeneration process as smooth as possible for residents.

Based in Parkview, Monday to Friday, between the hours of 9am and 4.30pm, the team is always on hand to have a chat and assist you.

Team Leader, Ben Jones, answers some of your frequently asked questions.



I've received a letter asking me to complete another questionnaire. What is that all about?

This is a land and property survey to identify who has interests or rights to the land within the regeneration area. The Council needs to acquire or secure all these interests before development can start so it has appointed Land Referencing Services (LRS), to help carry out this important research. Please complete the survey or drop-in to Parkview and we'll help you fill it in.

When will my home be demolished?

It is a phased development and so not all the homes will be demolished at the same time. Your home will be demolished when it is needed for the development. Those empty properties that will not be re-let before demolition will have metal panels fitted over the doors and windows. This is a health and safety measure so that the properties do not get vandalised and become unsafe.

Why can't the council use all the empty properties to help people? It's a waste.

We've used the 'voids' or empty homes to house 81 households temporarily. There's a cost associated with bringing the empty homes up to the required standard and we need to be mindful about moving people twice in a short space of time. Now the phasing for the redevelopment is known, we can use these voids more appropriately and efficiently.

Will Sheerwater residents be given priority when the affordable and social homes become available for rent?

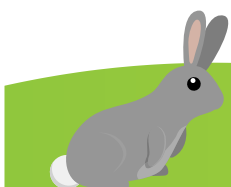
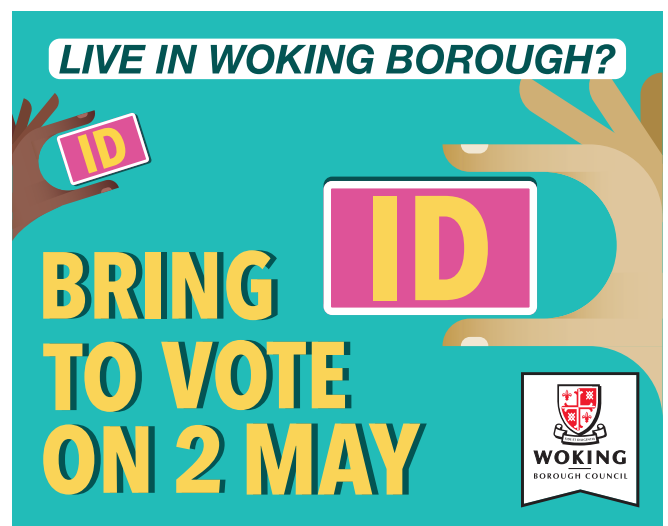
Yes, that has always been the intention. If nobody wants them, then they will be offered to residents outside of the Sheerwater area.

If you have a question, need help filling out paperwork, or want further information about any of the above, please call the team on **01483 743870**, send an email to **sheerwater.tenants@woking.gov.uk** or drop-in (check Parkview's Easter opening times before dropping in).

Remember you need photographic ID to vote on 2 May

If you want to vote in the local elections on **Thursday 2 May 2019**, remember all voters across Woking need to show photographic identification (ID), before they can make their vote in person at the polling station.

Voters without any acceptable photographic ID, for example a UK passport or UK driver's licence, can get a free Local Elector Card. For more information about acceptable forms of photographic ID or how to apply for a Local Elector Card, visit **www.woking.gov.uk/VoterID**



The community comes together over coffee

Our fourth Community Coffee Morning saw us welcome Julie Fleming to Sheerwater, a dietician from Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, to deliver a talk about healthy eating.

More than 60 people attended, all of whom enjoyed taking part in interactive sessions ranging from cooking oil alternatives to how to achieve a balanced diet. The feedback was extremely positive with people staying on afterwards to socialise and share food.

The monthly coffee mornings take place on Thursdays between 10am and 12noon at Parkview Centre for the Community. They give people the chance to get together informally, have a chat, make new friends, drink tea and coffee and share a light bite.

If you are interested in attending a future event, simply drop-in or email sheerwatertogethergroup@woking.gov.uk for more information.

2019 dates: 18 April, 16 May, 13 June, 11 July, 8 August, 5 September, 3 October, 31 October, 28 November



What's On

EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER HUNT • TEAS & COFFEES • FAMILY FUN

SATURDAY 27 APRIL
10.30AM – 12.00PM

MEET @ PARKVIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

> FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY <

Sheerwater Together Group

These evening meetings take place monthly at Parkview Centre for the Community giving people the opportunity to raise and discuss issues that impact the community.

There's no need to register, simply turn up. Future dates:

Tuesday 7 May, 7.30pm

Tuesday 11 June, 7.30pm

Tuesday 16 July, 7.30pm

Citizens Advice drop-ins

Citizens Advice is an independent charity that can help you with a range of issues from how to manage debt to how to return faulty goods. Its advisors offer free one to one sessions every **Thursday, 10am to 1pm**, at the Mascot Hub on Dartmouth Avenue.

No appointment necessary, please drop-in.

Gardening Club

The Gardening Club meets on the **last Sunday of every month** to look after the community gardens. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just enjoy being outdoors, everyone is welcome to lend a hand. Meet at the community garden (Londis end) at 2.30pm.

For more information email sheerwatertogethergroup@woking.gov.uk



Parkview Easter opening times

Thursday 18 April
9am to 5pm

Good Friday
Closed

Saturday 20 April
Private hire only

Sunday 21 April
Private hire only

Easter Monday
Closed

Tuesday 23 April
9am to 5pm

Need information about the Sheerwater Regeneration Scheme translated?

Email Catharine.Okon@woking.gov.uk or call 01483 743869 for assistance.

Czy potrzebujesz przetłumaczenia informacji o Programie Regeneracji Sheerwater? Wyślij wiadomość pocztą elektroniczną, aby uzyskać pomoc; Catharine.Okon@woking.gov.uk lub zadzwoń pod numer 01483 743869

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Useful contacts

Tenants

Any queries you may have regarding your tenancy or our plans for Sheerwater, please contact the Sheerwater Regeneration Housing Support Team on **01483 743870** or email sheerwater.tenants@woking.gov.uk

Homeowners

To have your property valued by Frazers Surveyors, please contact Naomi Gould on **01483 730909** or email naomi@frazers.co.uk

Housing association tenants

If you have any queries regarding your tenancy, please contact your housing association directly.

