

DEAR RESIDENT



Please allow me to introduce myself

Hello, my name is Cllr Debbie Harlow. I am Woking Borough Council's Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health and Wellbeing, and now also the Lead Member for the Sheerwater Regeneration Project.

I was first elected in 2014 and my professional background is currently

in property and asset management. My personal passion though is community, something this project has had at its heart from the start.

My role on the council's Executive is to ensure everyone in the borough has equal and fair access to good quality housing, and to help build thriving communities. It is for this reason that I've been a keen supporter of the Sheerwater Regeneration Project throughout my time on the council and gladly accepted the appointment as Lead Member to this project in May.

It's widely acknowledged that better housing leads to better health outcomes, and it is also linked to other social and economic factors including educational attainment and employment. You of course know this because these are the things that you told us were important to you during the master planning phases of the project, along with access to better quality outdoor space.

I find it heartening to see the plans that were developed with you are now coming to life. And although there's still a lot to do and many more phases to come, I hope when you look around at the progress being made that you also feel optimistic about the future and everything that this project can and will deliver for the community.

As always, we remain committed to making the regeneration process as smooth as possible for residents, and I'm enormously grateful for your continued support and cooperation during this time. If you have any comments, questions or concerns about the project there are various ways you can get in touch with us. Please see page 5 for more information.

Cllr Debbie Harlow

Lead Member

Sheerwater Regeneration Project

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COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER UPDATE

A Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) is an important tool widely used by councils to help deliver social, environmental and economic change.

The council made an order in October 2020, which is yet to be confirmed by Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. If confirmed, the order will give the council the legal right to obtain any remaining land or property interests within the Sheerwater regeneration area without the consent of the owner.

When an order is made, those affected have the right to object and a public local inquiry is held. Because all qualifying objections to the Sheerwater CPO (five in total) were withdrawn, the virtual inquiry due to take place in June was cancelled. The Inspector is instead conducting the inquiry via the written representations procedure and will put forward his or her recommendations as to whether or not the Secretary of State should confirm the CPO (with or without changes – called modifications), or reject it.

Cllr Debbie Harlow, Lead Member for the Sheerwater Regeneration Project, said: “The council needs to have compulsory purchase powers for this project to ensure it can deliver all of the new homes and community infrastructure promised.

“The agreement at Full Council to make the order was however, based on only using these powers as a last resort. And I’m pleased to say that so far, we’ve been able to secure nearly all of the required land interests via mutual agreement. This is quite unusual and it’s the product of a lot of hard work by council officers. It also shows how willing and prepared we are to support those impacted by the regeneration process.”

To see the core documents reviewed by the Inspector, please go to woking.gov.uk/sheerwatercpo

10 step process for obtaining CPO powers



DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Purple phase: new homes available now

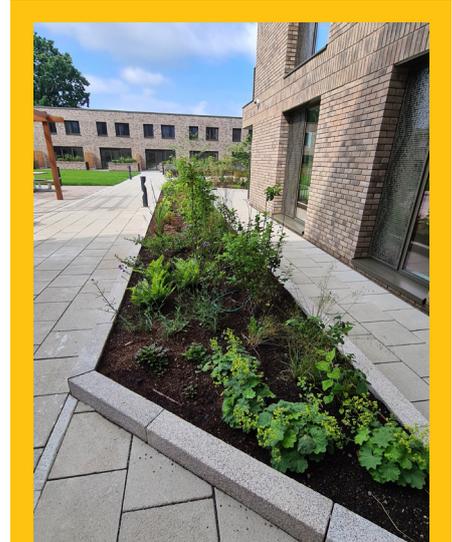
A medium rise development incorporating Murray Green, 10 three-storey town houses and 82 one, two and three bedroom apartments.

This first residential phase is now complete and all of the contemporary new build homes within Fairfax Place and Murray Place are ready for occupation, along with the 10 three-storey townhouses.

Whether for private or affordable rent, the size, quality and quantity of homes are all identical. They have been designed to give residents a modern spacious home filled with integrated appliances and quality finishes throughout. The floor to ceiling windows and doors let in the maximum amount of natural daylight and fresh air, and every home has its own private balcony or terrace for relaxation and connection to the outside world.

The apartments and townhouses which are available on the open market for private rent are being advertised now at **fairfaxplace.canalsidewoking.co.uk**, where you can also find out more about the mod cons that come as standard, and optional add-ons such as allocated parking and superfast broadband.

Homes which are available for affordable rent will be advertised via the council's choice based lettings (CBL) system. To register your housing need, browse and bid on available properties, go to **woking.gov.uk/cbl** or speak to a member of the Sheerwater Regeneration Housing Support Team who can also arrange viewings of any available properties that fit your housing requirements.



In recent weeks the Gilbert-Ash landscaping team has shovelled 220 tonnes of peat-free compost, spread two tonnes of bark mulch and planted around 1,500 shrubs and perennials to create the private podium garden at the centre of the new development.



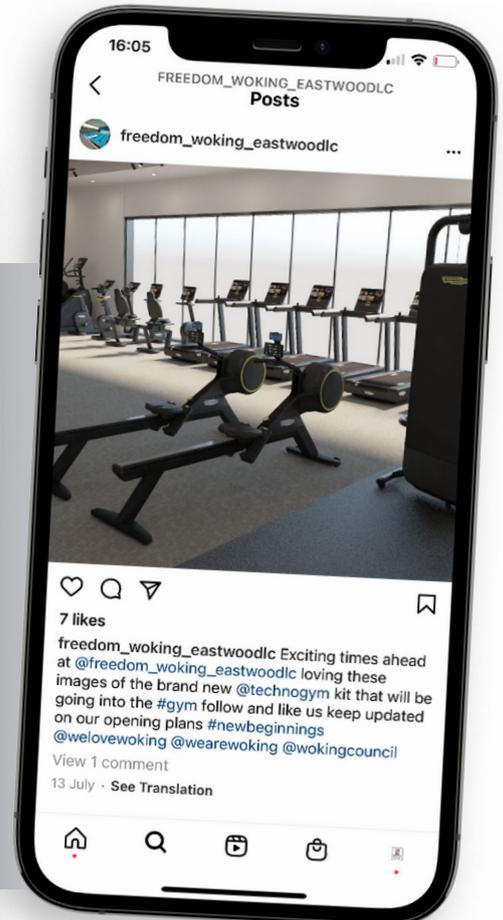
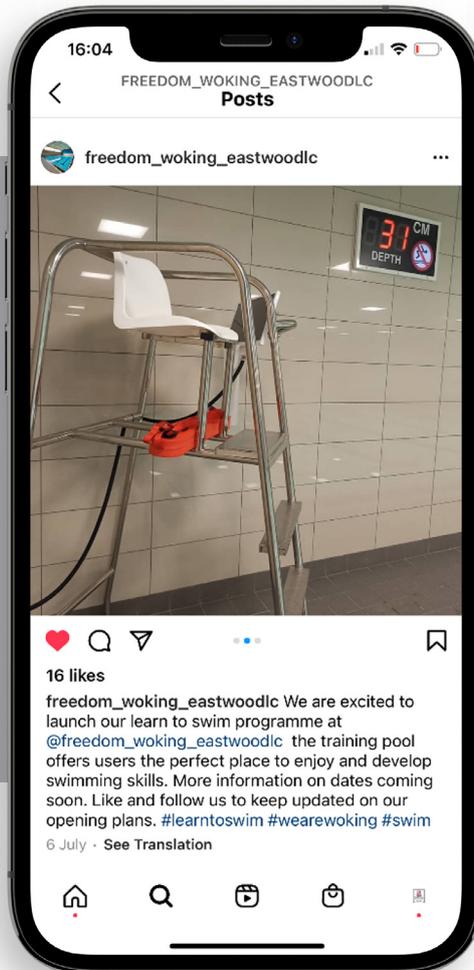
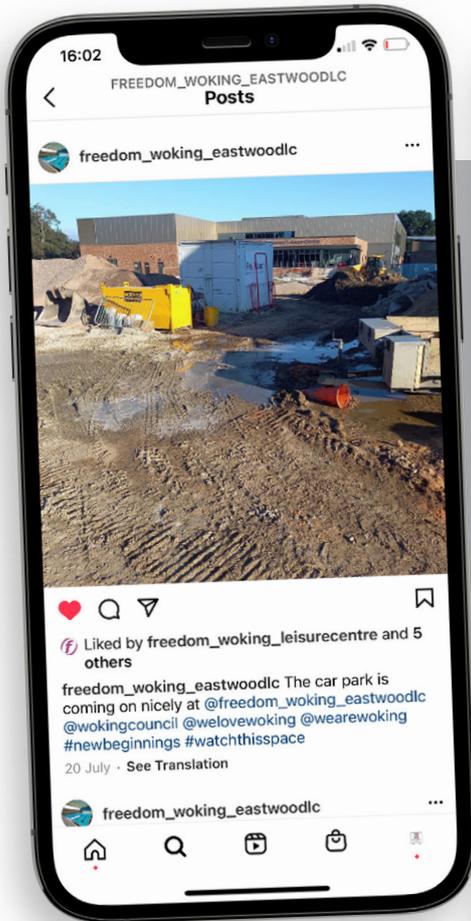
Eastwood Leisure Centre: opens to the public in October 2021

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

Freedom Leisure, who will run the new leisure centre once it becomes fully operational, has been busy furnishing the building and is now actively recruiting new staff members.

For job alerts, follow the Eastwood Leisure Centre on Facebook and Instagram where you can also see the progress being made on site.

To find Eastwood Leisure Centre job opportunities online go to apply.workable.com/freedom-leisure and select 'Woking' from the drop-down menu or search 'Sheerwater'.

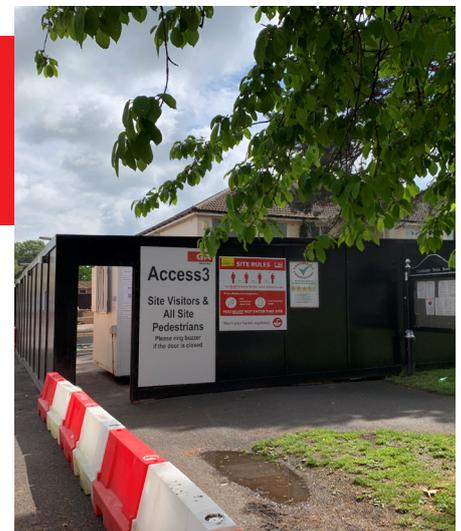


Red phase: Demolition works underway

A medium rise development delivering a sheltered housing block, an attractive mews street, a line of mixed-use maisonettes and a six-storey mixed-use apartment building overlooking a central square.

Ground clearance works continue and all of the existing properties have now been demolished. In the coming weeks, Gilbert-Ash will start drainage works and the foundations for the new building structures will be poured.

At some point in the future, it will be necessary to close Dartmouth Avenue for up to four weeks to raise the surface level of the road. Residents will be given advance notice and a diversion route will be created. Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout allowing residents to continue using the shops and other services located along Dartmouth Avenue.



COMMUNITY NEWS

ACCOUNTANTS DIG DEEP IN COMMUNITY GARDEN



Team from Menzies with RHS staff

Over the last couple of months, members of the Sheerwater Together community group have been busy maintaining and revitalising the community gardens along Dartmouth Avenue. In July the group was ably assisted by a team of willing volunteers from Menzies (accountancy firm in Woking), who were happy to roll up their sleeves and get digging.

They were put in touch with Sheerwater Together via Volunteer Woking, the council's volunteering service and for three hours on a Friday morning (16 July), the Menzies team pulled weeds, prepare beds and dug in new plants.

Nicky Purnell Marketing and BD Director at Menzies, said: "We had such a fantastic day, brilliantly organised with everything we needed to get straight to work and make a difference. We all came away with lots of new gardening and conservation tidbits courtesy of



Community volunteer

RHS Garden Wisley, and full tummies thanks to the rather delicious homemade samosas!"

Committed to inspiring everyone to grow, Claire Davitt and Christopher Young from RHS Garden Wisley were on hand to share their knowledge and expertise, while staff at Londis and members of St Michael's Church kept everyone fed and hydrated with a selection of hot and cold refreshments.

To get involved in future events, join the Sheerwater Together Facebook group or email **SheerwaterTogetherGroup@woking.gov.uk**



Hard at work



The result

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The council is committed to making the regeneration process as smooth as possible for residents.

If you have any comments, queries or concerns, please get in touch.

Online: woking.gov.uk/sheerwaterenquiry

Email: charterforsheerwater@woking.gov.uk

Phone: **01483 743870**

Support for council tenants

Our team of dedicated housing support officers can:

- Talk to you about your housing options
- Help you bid for properties
- Help you claim compensation for moving
- Arrange removals
- Help with the transfer of utility bills and other accounts to your new address

Call **01483 743870** or email sheerwater.tenants@woking.gov.uk and a member of the team will get back to you.



SHEERWATER HEALTH CENTRE OPEN FOR APPOINTMENTS AND NEW PATIENT REGISTRATIONS

A message from the Sheerwater Health Centre team:

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 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. For further information and advice call **01932 343524**.



sheerwaterhealthcentre.nhs.uk




**Join
the millions
already
vaccinated**

Get the Pfizer vaccine, first or second dose, at the Shah Jahan Mosque on the following dates:

14 August, 2pm to 4pm
21 August, 2pm to 4pm
28 August, 2pm to 4pm

No appointment needed, just drop-in. Second dose vaccines must have been at least eight weeks since the date of your first dose, and same vaccine type.

For information about the vaccine and details of other vaccination centres and pop-up clinics in Surrey, visit the Surrey Heartlands Clinical Commissioning Group website: surreyheartlandscg.nhs.uk

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FREE VIRTUAL ADVICE

Citizens Advice Woking is working with The Mascot Hub to offer free, impartial advice by video, no appointment needed. One of its advisors will be available to talk to you about any issues or concerns you may have.

**citizens
advice**

Where: The Mascot Hub, Dartmouth Avenue
When: Thursdays 10am to 12noon

TRANSLATION SERVICES

Do you need help understanding this information?

Czy potrzebujesz pomocy w zrozumieniu tych informacji?

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