

Northstowe Community Update

March 2017

Strong demand for homes

To date, homebuyers have reserved 17 plots off plan with [Bloor Homes](#). More will be released gradually over the coming months. The first 5 home owners are expected to move in during April with a further 5 completions to follow in May. The first street is taking shape and you will be able to take a closer look when the show home opens in April (date TBC).



What's happening on site?

The surface water and foul drainage systems are mostly complete except for minor finishing works. All kerbs have been installed and the roads and busway have now been blacktopped. The main focus of the work is now on the installation of the BT and Virgin Media network with gas, water and electric works virtually complete. The last few weeks of earthworks to complete Hatton's Road Ponds will take place once weather conditions have improved and the vehicle accesses built. Trimming and tidying of verges is currently being undertaken including vegetation clearance along the route of the diverted footpath down the west side of Phase 1 in preparation for improved surfacing to be laid.

Randall Thorp has just been appointed to design the 5 play areas for Phase 1 and the open space on the opposite the primary school. The planned work programme and the public engagement will be announced in due course.



Planning News

All five Phase 1 house builders have now had their first parcels approved. [Barratt Homes](#) will commence development on 135 homes (approved in January) in early summer and continue with pre-application discussions on three further parcels during 2017. [Taylor Wimpey](#) are expecting first occupations on the smallest of their sites (40 homes) in September with plans due to be submitted for another 150 homes this month. [Linden](#), who will be developing the largest Phase 1 parcel (271 homes), are due to start on site soon with a view to first occupations in September. Similarly [Bovis](#) who had the first of their plans approved (84 homes) at the end of last year, are working towards third quarter occupations. Submissions for their two further parcels for approx. 250 homes in total are expected later in the year.

Following agreement on the revised proposal for affordable housing, planning permission has now been granted for Phase 2 of Northstowe which covers 3500 more homes, the town centre, secondary school, two primary schools, sports facilities, recreational spaces and the southern link road plus £73m of community benefits.

The HCA and the District Council are currently in negotiations around the Design Code which sets out the design principles that will determine the look and feel of the town and ensure a cohesive and high quality development is provided at Northstowe. Full public consultation will be carried out later in the year. All planning applications can be viewed on the [SCDC Planning portal](#).

Community News

Preparations are underway to welcome new residents next month. A community welcome pack prepared with the help and local knowledge of the Northstowe Community Working Group (NCWG) is nearing completion. It contains information that could prove invaluable in those early days ranging from local walking and cycling routes, travel and transport options, education, local health services, the nearest pub and even tips on how to sort your recycling! The Longstanton & District Heritage Society, have also put together a keepsake booklet that sets out the site's past and history of the neighbouring villages of Longstanton, Oakington and Westwick. The NCWG, our resident-led volunteer group, will help deliver the packs to give all new residents a personal welcome.

Plans for the community wing at the school are coming along too including the setting up of a pop up café, a self service micro library, children's and other activities in those early months of opening.

If you would like to join the NCWG or are involved in any groups interested in using the community wing facilities or have any ideas for new community activities or projects, please email northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk.



An amazing response was received from local residents and schoolchildren at the end of last year as hundreds of suggestions poured in to name the streets of Northstowe. Names and themes included those linked to the natural habitat and wildlife of the area, previous uses of the site such as the golf course, its ancient history with some names even being taken from the Domesday book and of course more poignant names to remember the area's more recent military past.

Thanks to all of you who made the last Community Forum and drop-in in January. It was a full agenda with updates from Gallagher, HCA and South Cambs Planning. Both Bovis and Taylor Wimpey presenting their plans along with an informative presentation from Highways England now A14 construction is in full swing. [Find out more](#). The **next Community Forum and Drop-in** is set for Wednesday **26 April** at The Pathfinder School, Northstowe (access off Station Rd B1050). Drop-in from 6pm followed by the Forum 7 -9pm.

A14 information

With construction and traffic management measures underway, visit www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H for up-to-date traffic information or for other queries email: A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk or call the customer contact centre on 0300 1235000. Also, look out for the mobile visitor centre which will be visiting public venues over the life of the project to find out more.

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