

Cheviot Court

ISSUE ONE - SUMMER 2008

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to issue one of the Cheviot Court newsletter which we hope you will find both an enjoyable and informative read. As you may already be aware site works have commenced by Rok as part of our commitment to build a development of 39 new homes, comprising 10 houses and 29 flats for rent and shared ownership on behalf of Twynham Housing Association. The newsletter has been designed to keep you up to date with progress on-site and introduce you to key people involved with the project.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Soon you will see timber fencing erected around the perimeter of the site. Health and safety signs will also be displayed including a prominent sign board at the main Rok site entrance. We will endeavour to work with local schools to provide safety workshops educating pupils of the risks involved on and around a construction site. All we ask is that you keep your children and yourselves safe by avoiding areas where work is taking place. If you have any queries regarding pedestrian access around the site then please contact our site manager.

CONTACT US

Please do keep in touch as it would be great to meet with you all at the 'Drop-in' event in the Autumn.

Parents: please remind your children that at all times a building site is not a playground and can be a dangerous area.

MEET THE TEAM

You will be invited to come in and meet the team in person through a 'drop in' event in the Autumn. This will be a great opportunity for local residents to familiarise themselves with key people on the project and for any questions or concerns to be addressed. Date to be confirmed soon.

BULLETIN BOARD

There will be a bulletin board on the hoarding on Everest Road. This will be regularly updated with information about the works together with site plans, newsletters and any other useful information regarding the works. Come over and take a look!



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SITE VISIT

For the curious amongst you there will be an organised site visit once the timber frame structure has been erected (See time-line diagram below) details of which will be included in the next newsletter!

WORKS ON SITE

- Asbestos removal works already underway and cable diversion works completed.
- Demolition will follow after which main building works will start and you will see lots of activity with diggers.

Summer 2008
Start on Site

Autumn 2008
Drop-in Event

Winter 2008
Erection of Timber Frame

Winter 2008
Public Site Visit

Jan 2010
Completion

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HIGH ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS FOR NEW HOMES ON SOMERFORD ESTATE

The 39 new affordable homes to be built at Cheviot Court on the Somerford estate are to benefit from the new environmental standards 'Code for Sustainable Homes'. The code, developed by the government, the Building Research Establishment (BRE) and the Construction Industry Research and Information Association (CIRIA) has been introduced to replace the eco-homes standards. It will measure a new building's sustainability against nine design categories:

- o Energy /Co2
- o Water
- o Materials
- o Surface Water Run-off
- o Waste
- o Pollution
- o Health and Well-being
- o Management
- o Ecology

The building will be given a sustainability rating from one (lowest level) to six (highest level) stars. The homes at Cheviot Court will achieve a 3 star rating by incorporating the following key features:

- o High levels of insulation to walls, floors and roof.
- o Super energy efficient heating and hot water system - We will be using NIBE exhaust air heat pumps.
- o Low flow taps, shower and toilet cistern.
- o Low energy light fittings.
- o All timber will be from renewable sources.
- o Ecological enhancements including tree and shrub planting.
- o All rainwater from roofs and roads to go to soakways on-site.
- o Waste materials from construction to be minimized and recycled.
- o Cycle storage for all homes.
- o High levels of sound insulation.
- o Detailed home user guides offering useful information on saving energy and water.



More information on the code for sustainable homes can be found at www.communities.co.uk

If you would like to find out more about NIBE exhaust air heat pumps please visit www.nibe.co.uk. or visit us at our drop in event in the Autumn.