

DEAR RESIDENT

“The New Year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written.”

I think we'll all be glad to say goodbye to 2020 and focus on better times ahead. Fortunately, despite world-wide disruption, the regeneration project has continued as if within its own protective bubble, largely due to the foresight and ingenuity of our experienced contractors, Gilbert-Ash and Pellikaan. Both the purple residential and leisure phases remain on schedule which means 2021 heralds good things to come for Sheerwater in the form of new homes and new sports facilities to be enjoyed at long last (see timeline).

The statutory objection period that follows the making of our Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) has now passed and we await further information from the Secretary of State. In the meantime, preparatory works for the red and yellow residential phases will start at the beginning of the New Year.

We have already secured all of the privately owned homes within these phases via voluntary agreement and our Housing Support Team is working with the handful of remaining tenants to find suitable homes for them that meet their needs. A number have already expressed a desire to move into the purple phase as soon as the town houses and apartments become available for social rent because they can see the quality of what we're building.

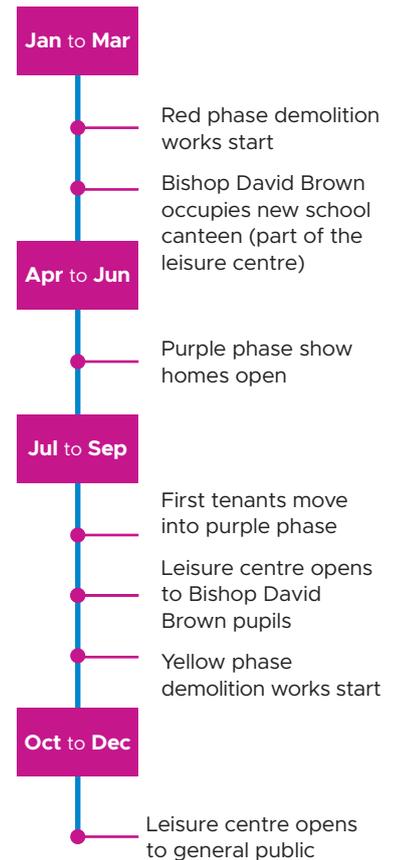
Whether for private or social rent, the homes are identical in size and build quality and I'm just as excited as you to see inside, which you will be able to do in the spring with the opening of the show homes.

Until then, please stay safe and well, and have a very merry Christmas and New Year.

Cllr David Bittleston

Lead Member for the Sheerwater Regeneration Project

2021 TIMELINE



NEWS IN BRIEF

GILBERT-ASH SPREADS FESTIVE CHEER

During the course of the build, our purple phase contractor, Gilbert-Ash, has chosen to support Woking-based charity, LinkAble, which for over 30 years has supported children and adults with learning disabilities across the borough.

As well as fundraising for LinkAble, in the coming weeks Gilbert-Ash will be adding colourful signage to its site hoardings to help promote the charity's services to

passing traffic. Central to LinkAble's work is providing activities and experiences for service users that they struggle to access in the wider community. As soon as it's safe to do so, Gilbert-Ash is looking forward to working with LinkAble to host a number of site visits to give its members an insight into the construction industry.

SILENT NIGHT FOR SHEERWATER

Night patrols of the regeneration area by a security company started in August. If you see anything unusual or suspicious please contact us via our website, woking.gov.uk/sheerwater, call the police on **101** or if there is an immediate threat to you or your property, please dial **999**.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE LIGHTS ARE ON!

Thank you to Sheerwater Together for organising the installation and decoration of this year's Christmas tree, which can be seen lit up at night on the green opposite Asda.

WOKING ENTERS TIER 2 COVID RESTRICTIONS

KEEP SURREY SAFE



WOKING HIGH RISK AREA TIER 2

CORONAVIRUS

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National restrictions have come to an end and Woking, along with the rest of Surrey, has been placed into Tier 2, the High Local COVID Alert Level, until further notice.

In summary, the Tier 2 restrictions mean that:

- You cannot socialise with households indoors, apart from your support bubble.
- You can meet in a group of up to six outside - including in a garden, or a public place.
- Shops, gyms and personal care services (such as hairdressing) can reopen (if COVID-secure).
- Pubs and bars can only open if they serve substantial meals. Alcohol can be served with that meal.
- Sports can resume with up to 2,000 spectators, or 50% capacity (whichever is lower).
- Collective worship, weddings and outdoor sports can resume (with restrictions).
- Non-essential foreign travel allowed, subject to quarantine rules.

For more information and detailed guidance, visit [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

HM Government

NHS

CHRISTMAS BUBBLE



Between 23 and 27 December you can form an exclusive 'Christmas bubble' of up to three households

Find out more: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

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