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The Resident
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Dear Resident,

Sheerwater Regeneration Scheme: Resident Update

On the 12 April 2017, I wrote to you advising that the Sheerwater Regeneration Scheme had been approved and that you would be contacted in due course when arrangements had been put in place to enable a smooth process to begin. I am sorry for the slight delay caused but the necessary next steps have now been completed.

On 27 July I wrote to owners of homes within the regeneration area explaining how they could sell their properties to us before they are needed for the redevelopment work. My colleague, Councillor Colin Kemp, also wrote to Secure Tenants explaining how they could also move before their homes are needed for the regeneration.

This letter provides a short update to all residents in the regeneration area about the position we have reached in the implementation of the regeneration approved by Council on 6 April 2017 and the next steps we are taking before construction works start in early 2018.

Thamesway Developments Limited (TDL)

Thamesway Developments Limited (TDL), a company wholly owned by Woking Borough Council, has been selected to undertake the development work. It is currently finalising the detail of, and obtaining construction tenders for, the approved Phase 1 works which mainly affects the land occupied by Bishop David Brown School, the athletics track and neighbouring property. This work will enable TDL to start construction work in spring 2018.

TDL will also undertake a review of the proposals for Phase 2 of the regeneration and prepare a detailed Planning Application which, subject to Council approval, will be submitted for consideration by the Planning Committee in Spring/Summer 2018 with a view to construction works for Phase 2 starting in 2019. TDL will publicise its work and engage directly with residents during this autumn.

Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO)

The Council's preference is to secure all the properties it requires for the regeneration through voluntary arrangements. However it is recognised that some areas of land may be unregistered, that some home owners may not be willing to sell voluntarily and that some rights may exist that can only be extinguished by a CPO. The Council has appointed lawyers and a land referencing agency to assist it with the CPO. Council Officers will shortly be writing to all residents to explain the process and activity that will be undertaken by the land referencing agency.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Bittleston', with a horizontal line underneath.

Cllr David Bittleston
Leader of the Council