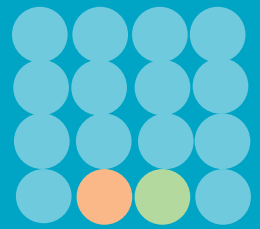


# Popley Islands Regeneration News



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## Faroe Close and Maldive Road project update



### Site Snapshot

There will be a lot going on over the next few months as the building work gets underway. To give you an idea of what to expect here's a quick snapshot of what's planned.

#### 5 July 2010 – Aug 2010

Delivery and erection of timber frames for first new homes. There will be an increase in large vehicles driving to the site and we will try to minimise any inconvenience during this period.

#### 26 July 2010 (around three weeks)

Drainage work in Cayman Close means the road between 25 and 34 Cayman Close will be closed for around three weeks. Cranes will be brought in and used to start groundworks for phase 2 and 3.

#### 9 Aug 2010 (around three weeks)

Drainage work starts in Faroe Close. New pipe work will be laid up through Shetland Road, meaning the road will need to be closed for around three weeks. Apologies to those of you who have a garage in the area as access will not be possible. However, eight new parking spaces should be available outside numbers 1 - 4 Faroe Close, which will help to make parking a bit easier.

We apologise for any inconvenience this work may cause.

### What's been happening

April saw the official start on site of this £40m project, as the now former Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane, Brian Gurden visited the area he once lived in. "It gives me great pleasure to officially start this latest important regeneration. Having once lived in Maldive Close when we first moved to Basingstoke in the 1990s, I welcome the end of these spacious but old and uncomfortable properties. The fine community that lives here deserves better, and I am sure this regeneration project will deliver just that."

Cllr Gurden also congratulated the winners of the site safety sign competition, sponsored by our contractor, Hill Partnerships. Pupils of Marnel Infant School designed the posters which are on display around the site hoardings.



### No man is an island

In the last newsletter we asked what type of public art you would like to see in phase one of the development. Overwhelmingly you voted for a sculpture, so we got together with The Making, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and a Popley Islands resident to choose an artist.

They were asked to come up with ideas that reflected the local area and would give young people from Marnel School and Everest Community College a chance to get involved with the design.

The panel chose Anwick Forge, a team of artist blacksmiths, who use a portable forge so pupils get to learn about blacksmithing and have a go at making part of the sculpture. The piece is designed in galvanised mild steel and is based on a poem by John Donne.

## Thanks for your help

Thank you to everyone who suggested names for the new roads and apartment blocks. We submitted your suggestions to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and the Post Office, who need to check that any new names are not already being used elsewhere in the area.

The new apartments will be called; The Inlet, The Cove, The Atoll, The Outcrop, The Sound, The Cape, The Reef, The Archipelago, The Bay, The Point.

Now we'd like your help to choose four new road names from the following list that have been approved by the council and the post office.

If you'd like to take part, please call Kim Drewery on 01256 338856 by Thursday 29 July or visit the homepage of our website to vote.

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- Mauritius Close
- Sark Way
- Chesil Way
- Defoe Drive
- Flint Walk
- Friday Way.

## And finally...

We're getting together with our contractor Hill Partnerships to set up some information drop in sessions. If you have any questions about the new development or you'd just like to find out a bit more, you can pop along to the site office in Madeira Close on **Thursday 22 July 2010 between 4pm and 6pm**. We'll be organising some evening sessions too, so everyone will have a chance to come along. We'll keep you updated on progress in future editions of this newsletter. In the meantime if you have any questions please get in touch.

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