



# Regenerating Winklebury

Working in partnership with the community for the regeneration of central Winklebury

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**This is our second newsletter to update you on our plans and progress on the Winklebury regeneration project. We hope you find it interesting and informative.**

## About us and the Winklebury regeneration

We're a leading provider of affordable homes in the south of England, with a wealth of regeneration experience. We're committed to listening and involving local people and community groups to build long-term sustainable communities.

We've been involved in the regeneration of the Winklebury area for a few years and last year consulted with the local community

over our proposals. Our plans will give the residents of Winklebury access to a large area of new green space as we open up the former Fort Hill playing fields for the public to enjoy for years to come. A proposed health care provision, a new pre-school and a retail centre that meets local needs and reflects the changing retail landscape will also be provided. Our planning application also aims to deliver around 200 high-quality homes, many of which will be for affordable housing. It includes new homes and facilities on the site of the Winklebury Centre, the former Play Council site, and new development on the former Fort Hill school site.

## The planning process and next steps

In August 2020, your feedback from our February consultation event, along with consultation with local community groups, the NHS, Historic England, Natural England and other agencies were all fed into a master plan, which we submitted to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council as part of a 'pre-planning application' process. We received the council's feedback in November 2020, which was largely positive, but also gave us some complex points to consider.

We're currently working through their feedback, which is taking some time as we want to ensure that we get the design right, and we've made significant progress since our last update. Within this newsletter, we share some images of our revised plans to show you how things are progressing. Some of the areas where we've made changes include reducing the height of the new homes on the former Fort Hill school site to 2 storeys across the whole site and adding flats above the proposed healthcare provision on Winklebury Way.

Once our plans are finalised, we'll submit them for planning permission, where you'll once again have the opportunity to make any comments on the proposals via the council's planning portal. We expect this to be in the autumn.

## Support for our customers in the Winklebury Centre and retail units

As plans for the regeneration progress, we're here to support you if you're a VIVID resident or retailer in the Winklebury Centre, every step of the way. We'll be continuing our conversations with each of our customers individually over the coming months, to discuss your circumstances and how we can assist you. We'd like to reassure our retailers that the plans include high-quality, and well-located space for any of you who wish to return to the development once works are completed. Whilst the new units are being built, there is also the option to use temporary retail space within the centre. In the meantime, if you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact us.



New housing on the former Fort Hill site



Plans for a new pre-school on the former Fort Hill school site



Proposed retail units at the Winklebury Centre



New homes at the Winklebury Centre

## Keeping the community informed

We'll continue to keep you regularly informed as we reach key milestones in the project, and we'll send a further update in the autumn. In the meantime, if you have any feedback, comments or concerns, please contact us: [winklebury@vividhomes.co.uk](mailto:winklebury@vividhomes.co.uk) or 0800 652 0898.