

To: Shareholder and Joint Venture Group Meeting
Date: 01 December 2021
Report of: Will Mckay, Development Manager, Housing Services
Title of Report: Quarterly Progress Report relating to Barton Oxford LLP

Summary and recommendations	
Purpose of report:	This report provides an update into the activities of Barton Oxford LLP (BOLLP) over the past quarter.
Recommendation(s): There is a resolution to:	
1. Note the contents of the report.	

Appendices	
Appendix 1	Not for publication.

Introduction and background

1. This is the tenth report to the Shareholder and Joint Venture Group covering the period since the previous update in July 2021.

Coronavirus

2. There still remains uncertainty over whether the full impact of COVID is yet to be felt. The residential property market continues to remain buoyant, although developers are reporting supply chain difficulties especially in relation to materials which are expected to continue through 2022.

Progress Update

First Phase

3. Hill report that they have now completed all units out of the total 237, and all affordable homes have been handed over with only the last few remaining private plots to be handed over. They expect to achieve overall completion of construction on site by December 2021.

4. The delay in completion of the s38 (highways adoption) with the County Council may result in a delay of Hill leaving the site entirely as it is linked to the phase road network. The impact has not yet been determined. The LLP is currently engaging with the County Council to resolve as soon as possible.

Second Phase

5. Redrow has now completed the first 10 units onsite with 3 (private sale) handed over and occupied. They anticipate completing a further 50 units bringing the total number of completions to 60 by December 2021, including an apartment block (14 dwellings) for social rent on the 19th November. This phase is to deliver 207 units.

Third Phase

6. Countryside has made good progress on design and pre-planning for their Reserved Matters application which has now been approved by the LLP. They anticipate the reserved matters application being submitted over the next month. This phase will deliver 441 units.

Final Phase

7. The marketing exercise for the final phase on land adjacent to Harolde Close has been complete with acceptable offers being received. More detail is attached in the not for publication appendix.

The Pavilion

8. The improvements to the disabled parking and disabled WC along with redecoration of some areas is now complete.

The School

9. The school has current vacancies in years 1 and 2.

Public Art

10. Raw has been working with their consultant Jessop and Cook to progress the detailed design work and prepare documents for pre-planning meetings with the Local Planning Authority. Prior and Partners have been provided planning advice and recently an on-site pre-application meeting was held and was reported to be received positively by planning officers.
11. The updated work has included naming the project 'Barton Art in Nature' and will provide a series of events, website and physical works on site. Raw continue to engage with residents, local interest groups and the school to increase participation in the public art programme. Raw and the EPG are looking to finalise the planning submission in November with a view to works commencing early 2022.

Events to Date

September – Barton Bash with a stall and provide art supplies and direction to lots of attendees who painted both pictures and rocks with message of support for each other and the NHS, the rockery will form part of the art installations in the near future both at Neighbourhood Centre and Barton Park

Launch of the digital space, www.bartonart.co.uk and social media handles.

October – Art Party (mini consultation) where Tommy Watkins the artist that worked on underpass mural attend as art teacher and workshop lead, more painting and rockery activities, had a free creperie setup for attendees and provided a 20min presentation and Q+A with the residents on the upcoming installations.

Two wellbeing garden digs with Annabelle Padwick that were really well received, meadow flowers and daffodils now planted there by the local community.

November – More wellbeing garden digs to come with a focus on winter veg and nutrition, we have had a good mix of Barton park people, Barton neighbourhood and Barton park primary school families attend.

December – hosting a small community arts and crafts Christmas market for the local residents of Barton in Dec (to be announced shortly). Local artisans and artists along with a new popup cafe that will aim to become present at future events and lead towards Barton's next retail cafe/space and community shop (more on that soon..).

Financial Implications

12. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Legal Implications

13. There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

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