

Question	Answer
How many house in total are expected to be built on the Wichelstowe development?	Around 4000 in total are planned at the moment (planning permission allows for up to 4500)
What's the estimated timeline for completion? (circa year?)	The pace of build will be influenced by market conditions, although we anticipate 12 to 15 years; as a general guide typically 250 homes per year
When will FirstPort take over the management of open spaces and communal areas in Middle and West Wichel? And what can we expect from them? (Many residents have been complaining about the lack of upkeep of the communal garden areas around the estate - so it would be good to get a better understanding around this too)	Firstport have been invited to assess the first open space / public areas in readiness of handover. To date the maintenance of the landscaping areas remains with the site teams, although it is planned that the responsibility and future upkeep will start to be placed under management control before the Spring
We have all paid 1 yr up front to Firstport so does this mean we won't pay until a year after handover from Barratt to Firstport	The payments collected at completion [first 6 monthly charge] have been held in the client account ready for handover and instruction of management services. The account / services will be assessed annually and budget estimates adjusted accordingly; until handover, estate costs will continue to be funded by the developer
Will the Wichelstowe Community Card be back? (It's still advertised on the website although the pilot ended last year?)	The trial is currently being reviewed and we hope to provide an update in the new year.
When will the Beckett Strand entrance be tarmac'd and other roads on Dalby Strand be finished off. The brick tiling looks nice but the rest still needs finishing. Also, the footpaths have spraypaint all over them I imagine for future upgrades but it still looks very run down as you walk along Mill Lane...	<p>The final wearing course of the road is completed at the end of the construction cycle and once the highways officers and water authority have completed their inspections. With the final residents moving in, inspections will be held in the New Year to allow adoption and placement onto maintenance with the authorities.</p> <p>There are still works on Mill Lane including the new roundabout and connections into Wichel Fields.</p>
Is there any plans to build on the field by the M4 by canalside? I have a lovely view atm!	The field to the South will be an extension to the Canalside housing area and the informal road used by construction vehicles just south of the Barratt parcel will be upgraded to a public road, and in due course provide a connection to the underpass beneath the M4. Additionally to the Southern boundary there will be a new stretch of canal, which will link the established waterways
Are you planning to add any more shops/bars/restaurants to the area?	The major shop (Waitrose) and pub/restaurant (H&W) have already been delivered but there will be space for a few smaller units in the area of land behind the artwork hoardings. The timescale for delivery will be linked to the delivery of the GP surgery.
<p>What kind of local amenities are being planned? Will there be shops, GP, pharmacy, dentist? A nursery for non-school kids?</p> <p>We need a gym, GP practice and shops.</p>	Land has been identified for a GP surgery and these discussions are advancing with the local CCG to understand what and when they need the facility. This includes the potential of a pharmacy and maybe a gym, but the exact uses are not yet defined.

We need Kingfisher Primary to open for all years not just year 1.	The school will gradually grow as children move up through the year groups and based on demand in the area.
Will there be a play area nearby? When? It would be nice to be consulted on kinds of equipment if possible.	There are a number of play areas identified and planning consent has been secured for the first play area located not far from the Learning Campus and will be built as part of the next housing parcels (c.2023). The funding to deliver the sports pitches and largest play area between Middle and East Wichel will be unlocked once 1300 homes are occupied. There is also a recently restored play area in East Wichel.
Where the roads and pavements have been dug up already (where they forgot something I assume). Will this be made like new again or just patched up?	It is not always possible to anticipate all the utilities works required or fixes needed during development. Although it will be the intention to minimise patching, the finish will be dependant on the area
Will the landscaping be finished outside of the front of Chaddington Strand, along the canal (on the David Wilson side)?	There are landscaping areas that are not yet finished and these will be attended too in the New Year before handover to Firstport as managing agents
Landscaping on the front of Semington Strand/Peglars Way. When will this be done? There is a large hole next to Beavans House.	There are landscaping areas that are not yet finished and these will be attended too in the New Year before handover to Firstport as managing agents
Will the entrance to Semington Strand stay as it is or will a dead end be created?	The entrance furthest north (near Beavans House) will be removed upon build completion as this was only introduced to support the construction works
Why is the grey building (eyesore) on the land by Waitrose car park? I was told it would be there for 15 years.	This is our Management Office, it is planned that it will be in this location for potentially 5 years. Additional landscaping will be planted before the spring, including the addition of a community project board containing information about the wider development
According to Wilts and Berks Canal Trust there is an agreement that once a certain number of houses has been built the canal has to be extended. Is there an update as to when this is planned.	As part of the planning consent we will be extending the canal, linking the District Centre and East Wichel Canal. Under the permission this is to be accomplished before 2500 homes are occupied. Currently the Wichelstowe community is around 1000 occupations
Could we see a roadmap of some descriptions with expected ETA's on each phase. (e.g parcel areas, shops, sports fields, parks, canal extension)	Information relating to the delivery of the wider development can be found on the development website and information held within the sales offices. Watch out for our video explaining our plans for 2022.
Why is there such a large difference between the general finishes between the two developers even though it is one 'canal side' joint venture (I.e painting of electrical boxes blue on Barratt side to match general colour used throughout site vs unpainted on DWH side), (actual functional bike sheds on Barratt vs unusable sheds with DWH)	Specification and character areas will differ throughout the Wichelstowe development, with slightly different approaches taken by those responsible for building each housing parcel We take on board your feedback, in particular your comments relating to the bike storage
Why is the build finish/design better with Barratt than DW even though DW is more expensive (I.e Barratt houses have a window in front door which creates a lot of light on bottom floor vs very dark DWH ground floor and no window in front door.)	Throughout the development there will be a variety of design responses from traditional to more contemporary style of homes. Although this can be subjective, it does offer purchasers a choice of home within the development

<p>Are signs going to be put up for the EV charging spaced. At the moment I'm parked on the road charging with ICE cars occupying all EV spaces.</p>	<p>Although we are pleased to have been able to install an EV charging network as part of the development, it is not intended to control or introduce charging signage on who can park in the shared visitor bays. They are available for all residents and their visitors on a first come first served situation</p>
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