



Newsletter March 2024

Wichel Fields March 24



Construction Update

Housebuilding continues in both Wichel Fields and The Orchards and this month saw the installation of many of the street trees as well as planting in the open spaces and on the noise bunds.

As shown in the image above, works continue on the Foxham Way / Blackhorse Way junction to improve the road layout and on the new pumping station. Tree removal has also been completed to the south of Canalside preparing the site for the earthworks required to form the development area and prepare for the future canal works.

FAQ: What is happening to the canal by Skew Bridge?

The Wilts and Berks Canal Trust identified a sinkhole in the eastern bank of the canal during their routine inspections and Swindon Borough Council have put in place measures to avoid any more series damage and to allow repairs to take place.





News Roundup

More details can be found at www.wichelstowe.co.uk/news

Swindon Borough Council has put forward designs for the remainder of the Wichelstowe District Centre either side of the canal which forms the centrepiece of the development.

Proposals for Canalside West include apartments, a health centre, pharmacy, community centre and space for offices. A second block including four units which could be developed with retail or restaurant uses. Canalside East is proposed to include a block of 14 apartments alongside a gym with space for a café adjacent to the canal footbridge.



Jasmine Gray, 28, is a Construction Site Manager for Barratt Homes Bristol, currently overseeing the Wichel Fields development. She took five minutes out of her day to share her journey onto the building site, and why Women in Construction Week - celebrated across the UK from March 3rd to the 9th - matters and makes a difference.

Read the interview here:

<https://www.wichelstowe.co.uk/news/women-in-construction-week-2024.aspx>



The RSPB has presented Orchards Rise with a 'Gold' award for its wildlife friendly show complex gardens.

A range of features are included that support and enhances nature and natural habitats. This includes external bird and bat boxes, integral bird brick and bat boxes, bee boxes, hedgehog highways and associated homes, wildflower turf, scented gardens with native hedgerow, dead wood features, water butts, compost bins and food and water for birds.





The Orchards March 24

Planning Update

Planning applications have now been submitted for all the Phase 3 residential parcels which will comprise circa 600 homes.



Videos have been added to the Wichelstowe Youtube channel providing an introduction to Parcels 11, 12 and 13 which will provide a range of different homes and character areas.

<https://www.wichelstowe.co.uk/news/phase-3-planning-applications-submitted.aspx>

In addition, applications detailing the final section of primary highway infrastructure and a further area of landscaping have been submitted.

The plans have been added to the Council's planning portal and key stakeholders consulted on the details.



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