



## Newsletter September 2023



The Orchards Sep 23

### Construction Update

The development in The Orchards is progressing well, with new Barratt housing coming out of the ground in Orchards View. The angled buildings to the south in the photo above, mark the start of the first Green Street providing a pedestrian and landscape focused East / West link across the site.

To the west, the footpaths through the green space are also taking shape and we can't wait to get the area planted up for residents to enjoy. Further north the drainage tanks next to the basin are being completed and we hope to hold an event later this year to plant orchards trees in this area.

#### **FAQ:** Will the new attenuation ponds on the site be planted?

Marginal and oxygenating plants have now been planted in the ponds. It will however take a couple of years for the ponds to fully establish. Additional plants and trees will also be added around the ponds later this year in the next planting season.



## News Roundup

More details can be found at [www.wichelstowe.co.uk/news](http://www.wichelstowe.co.uk/news)

### Wichelstowe Transport Conversation



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It was great to hear from local residents at our Wichelstowe Transport Conversation event earlier in September. The Council are on a mission to “Get Swindon Moving”, enabling more people to get around by public transport and by walking and cycling. We’d like even more residents to become part of the conversation and tell us how you want to be able move around, in and out of Wichelstowe in future.

The Wichelstowe survey is available for the next month, so please let us know your views. You can also let the Council know if you would like to participate in user groups.

The way we move around the community affects the way a place feels, opportunities, and the environment. Help us make Wichelstowe a better place for everyone.

The survey is available until 16<sup>th</sup> October at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WichelstoweConversation/> or by scanning the QR code.



The Wichelstowe development team has continued their support for Wroughton Community Pantry.

Working in partnership with Corinium Carpentry who provided their time and expertise, the development has funded the creation of a new storage facility.

The Pantry provides emergency food parcels to families in Chiseldon, Thorney Park, Wichelstowe and Wroughton, delivered to their doorstep by a team of volunteers.

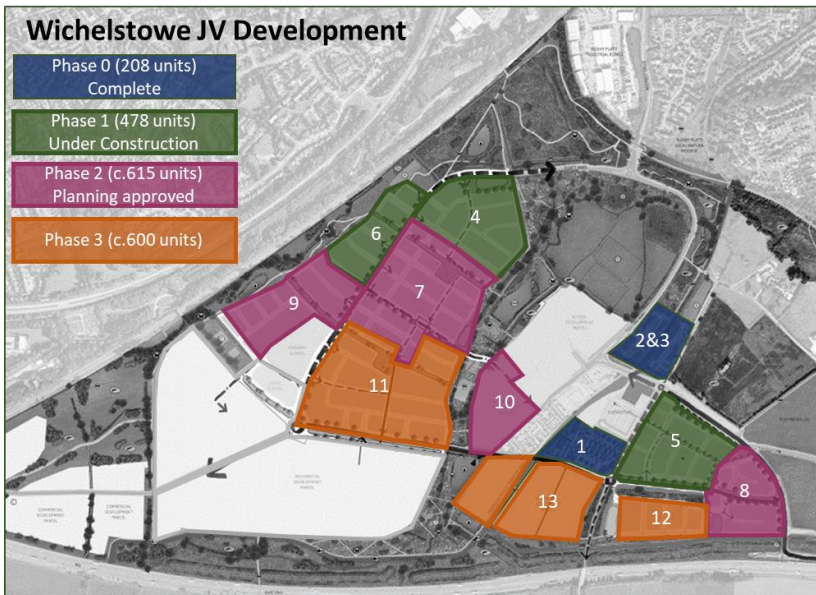


Wichel Fields Sep 23

## Planning Update

Over the next few months you will start to see planning applications for the residential development which will make up Phase 3 of the development being submitted.

More details will be shared as the design develops but an overview of the upcoming planning applications is set out below:



**Parcel 11** – The southern section of the Orchards includes the completion of the second Green Street.

**Parcel 12** - The final residential parcel in Wichel Fields will see the continuation of the contemporary canal fronted properties.

**Parcel 13** – This parcel extends the Canalside area south and includes development either side of the canal junction.

**Wichel Way** – The section of highway running south of Parcel 11. This will ensure planning permission is in place for the entire East/West link.