

# Newsletter January 2025

Wichel Fields January 2025



## Construction Update

With the site teams now up and running again in 2025 housebuilding is underway in 4 different areas of the project, Orchards Rise, Orchards View, Canalside and Wichel Fields. By the end of the year homes will be for sale in every one of these areas and we will be welcoming lots of new residents.

In terms of infrastructure the focus has turned to Scott Way roundabout. Contractors Conlon have just started work on this critical section of highway which will join up Scott Way, which runs through the centre of the Orchards, and the road running through the underpass under the M4.

This year will also see the completion of the final phase of archaeological investigation on the site. At the start of the development surveys and trenches were completed across the site and these identified areas which needed a more detailed review. Located to the south of The Orchards the soil is being stripped and the archaeologists are mapping and recording the finds.

One of the most exciting projects this year will be the installation of the boardwalk which will link the Orchards to Canalside. Look out for updates on this on social media and in our next newsletter.





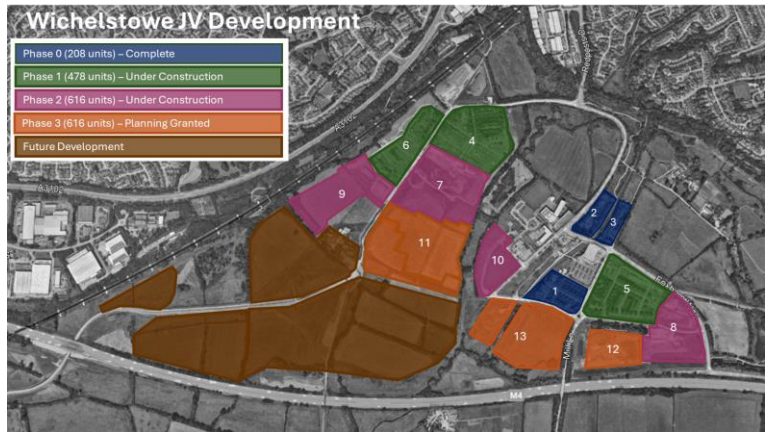
The Orchards January 2025

## Planning Update



Planning permission was granted in December for Parcels 11 and 13 meaning all the Phase 3 parcels (616 homes) now have planning consent.

Discussions will now commence with the Council regarding transfer of the land to the Joint Venture (Wichelstowe LLP) in order that house building can commence once Phase 2 is built out.







## News Roundup

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



Design work has started on the Sports Hub which will be located between Middle and East Wichel.

The Council are seeking views from residents to help inform the design. To find out more information and to complete the short survey please visit the Let's Talk Swindon page.

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Over 350 responses have been received to date and the survey closes on the **15<sup>th</sup> January**.



Representatives from the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust joined the Wichelstowe Joint Venture team to witness the significant progress made on the latest stretch of canal under construction in December.

Works are now on pause for the winter and will recommence once the weather conditions improve in the Spring.

To see a short timelapse of the works to date, visit the new page of our website:

[Wichelstowe News Canal](#)



There were some fantastic events organised to celebrate Christmas and we would like to thank all of the residents and groups who organised the events.

A particular thanks to The Stowe, Kingfisher and Deanery schools and all the residents who took part in the decorations competition in East Wichel.

