

REDROW SUBMITS THE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE REGENERATION OF THE ALTON ESTATE

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Redrow, one of the UK's leading housebuilders, today announces it has submitted a planning application for the regeneration of the 31-acre Alton Estate. The proposed regeneration plans for Alton Green will see the delivery of over 1,100 affordable and private new homes as well as a wide range of community facilities and commercial space.

The announcement follows Redrow being selected by Wandsworth Council as its development partner after launching a competition in 2016. Alton Green will deliver high quality, energy efficient homes for existing and new residents; each home has been designed for flexible long-term use. A range of housing choices will be offered in terms of size, type and tenure including replacement and affordable housing.

As well as bringing much needed new homes to the area, the proposals include a number of key amenities for the new and existing community to enjoy, which will be located in two distinct but interlinking neighbourhoods. The Urban Quarter will feature a new village square and multi-purpose community building to host the new Roehampton Library, a modern health centre, spaces to rehouse the BASE Youth Club, and a new community hall. The retail area will include a convenience food store and range of new and replacement shop units. New office accommodation will also be provided with units set aside as affordable workspace for small businesses and the voluntary sector. Farther west, a new community hub within the Parkland

Quarter will host the new Eastwood Nursery School Centre for Children & Families, alongside health, retail and residents' facilities.

Outdoor space is a crucial part of the masterplan, as well as preserving Downshire Field, a wildflower meadow will be created to encourage biodiversity. A grow garden will also promote health and wellbeing by helping to educate young people in food production. For existing and new residents, private outdoor space will be provided in the form of balconies and courtyards.

As part of the proposals, Redrow will create a range of jobs, training and apprenticeships for the local community. Construction is only one aspect of the opportunities expected to be available through the regeneration, other roles may include security, site office administration, decorating and more through Work Match, the council's employment brokerage.

Leader of the Council Ravi Govindia, said: "Alton regeneration will deliver more than new homes, it will reenergise Roehampton and provide state of the art community facilities that will benefit the Roehampton community and wider Wandsworth.

"I am delighted to be working with Redrow in partnership to deliver this long-awaited transformation. This partnership is another demonstration of our commitment to building more homes across the borough and providing better housing choice for Wandsworth people.

"Regeneration of the Alton Estate will also offer opportunities for people to train, learn new skills and improve their general wellbeing. We want to ensure that people of all backgrounds can fulfil their ambitions in Wandsworth and that is why this regeneration programme and partnership is so important."

Mark Parker, Managing Director at Redrow East London, comments: "The submission of our planning application is an important next step in delivering a range of homes for the new and existing community in Roehampton.

"Since being appointed as development partner in 2017, we have worked closely with Wandsworth Council and the local community, building on earlier engagement to develop a set of proposals that will breathe new life into Alton Estate. Our shared vision is to create a sustainable new community that combines new homes with important community

infrastructure and opportunities for small businesses through the provision of affordable workspace.

"The area has a strong cultural identity and a number of important heritage buildings that we have taken into consideration during the design process. The new homes will be delivered in accordance with The Design Code that has taken inspiration from the modernist buildings of Alton West and the Victorian streetscape of Roehampton Village. The homes will be surrounded by areas of attractive open space and new pedestrian and cycle routes will be created, linking Alton Green to the surrounding communities. We look forward to continued engagement with the local community over the coming months and years."

The planning application has been submitted to Wandsworth Council and in the coming weeks residents living in and around Alton Estate will be given the opportunity to comment on the proposals. For further detail on the proposals please refer to the attached document.

Wandsworth through other housing initiatives will support the delivery of 15,800 homes of all tenures over the next five years including Roehampton and the surrounding area.

The Council is committed to ensuring space is being utilised effectively to deliver much needed housing through its infill programme. The Stage House development on the Putney Vale Estate is part of the infill programme set to deliver 21 new homes for those with physical and learning disabilities.