

EXECUTIVE – 13 JUNE 2024

QUESTIONS

Executive Summary

The following question regarding Sheerwater has been received under Section 3 of the Executive Procedure Rules. The reply by the Portfolio Holder is set out below.

1. Question from Mr Braddin Ley

“When will the remaining properties be sold off in Sheerwater for redevelopment, and when will the roads be improved - the residents are feeling left in the dark and forgotten about once again. It would be in your best interests financially to expedite this. Please also consider the height and density for any new developments so that good urban design is upheld and the roads can tolerate the increased vehicular and foot traffic (currently they do not).”

Reply by Councillor Ian Johnson

“Last year, following public consultation, the Council agreed a new plan for the Sheerwater regeneration. This will see ThamesWey completing the phases currently being constructed, over 100 Council homes being refurbished and 3 large land parcels being sold and redeveloped by third parties.

The Council recently appointed a firm of consultant surveyors to assist the authority in bringing the surplus sites to the market for redevelopment. We are in the process of agreeing the precise timescales but anticipate that the marketing process will commence in July. Each disposal will require a new planning application to agree the exact form of development and the published guidance will ensure that there is detailed consideration of the height and density for any new development and that good urban design is at the forefront of any application. This will include a revised approach to the highways issues.

In the shorter-term, there are various S278 and S38 applications (Highways improvement and adoption agreements) being considered by or awaiting start dates from Surrey County Council in relation to the current phases completed or under construction by ThamesWey. These works will include resurfacing parts of Dartmouth Avenue and Bunyard Drive, refreshing road markings and signage and some footway improvements. ThamesWey are aiming to complete all of these works by the end of 2024. A solution is also currently being explored with Surrey County Council to reconnect Blackmore Crescent with Devonshire Avenue.

We understand that the ongoing construction works continue to be an inconvenience for residents in Sheerwater and are committed to progressing the project as swiftly as possible.”

Background Papers:

None.

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