Construction update

Our first show apartment is now open at Harrison Park (Hall Road). We look forward to the show homes at Cecil Gardens (Hawthorn Avenue) and Redwood Glades (Leads Road) opening shortly. Viewings are strictly by appointment only, via Riverside.

Progress on site remains good, buildings are heading towards being fully water tight. Internal fit out continues. Currently we are on target for all three sites.

Business opportunities

In April Riverside invited local hairdressers and beauty therapists seeking a new business venture to find out more about the salon and treatment rooms at the schemes. We have now appointed hair and beauty therapists for each site and work is beginning soon with these providers on plans for the salons.

Companies have been invited to tender for the catering contract, which the council expects to award in November. We are looking for a provider to offer an exciting mix from restaurant meals to cook it yourself ready prepared food. The successful contractor will make a valued contribution to the extra care schemes, helping people to maintain independence, improve health and wellbeing, increase life expectancy and reduce social isolation.

Hull City Council will also be appointing the care contractor to provide care services in these facilities shortly so look out for this.

Local community day

Earlier in July, the Wates team in Hull donated their time to support St Michael’s Youth Project in Orchard Park, as part of Wates’ annual Community Week activities.

“We’ve had a fantastic day, so good to see all the Wates team getting stuck in – many thanks to all involved. It was great to work with St Michael’s Youth Project and we will continue with this partnership throughout the build in Hull. Also, a special thank you to Mark, Gareth and all the team at MCE Decorators Ltd for their assistance and expertise. Well done Team Hull!”

Graham Lonsdale,
Wates Project Manager

“It was brilliant, the entrance to the youth centre looks amazing!! We had a lovely lunch, the catering students did a fab job too!”

Helen Stothard,
St. Michael’s Youth Project

Fourteen Wates team members, joined by Lee Bailey from Riverside and Carron Brant from Hull City Council, redecorated the entrance to the youth centre, which provides much need educational and support programmes for the young people of North Hull.
Employment and training

To date there have been 51 apprentices working on the Extra Care PFI, employed either with Wates or local supply chain partners.

Our apprentices are working towards NVQ qualifications across 11 different specialisms, highlighting the breadth of potential career paths available to young people within the construction industry. In addition to our local employment and training initiatives, we have spent over £6.2 million with our local supply chain partners to date across the three sites.

What our apprentices have to say...

“I am so glad I chose to do an apprenticeship because it has allowed me to meet new people and experience all the things I have so far.”

Josh Argent

“This apprenticeship has really helped me to mature into the person I am today! It has helped me to gain confidence in not only my skills but in my own self.”

Annie Fox

Art update: We can now reveal the artists who will shape the identity of the three schemes.

Angus Ross, who has based the design of the reception desks on the city’s connection to the shipping industry. The concept of the summer house he has designed for Harrison Park reflects the area’s agricultural land use with references to Hull’s public transport, past and present.

Rona Smith, whose glazing series for Redwood Glades (pictured top left) is based on the form of a paper plane, taking inspiration from themes of nostalgia and childhood.

Jyll Bradley, who was inspired by The Garden written by Hull poet Andrew Marvell for her proposed Green/Shade contemplative garden at Redwood Glades.

Christopher Tipping, whose restaurant curtain wall glazing for Harrison Park is influenced by the medieval field patterns of Hull.

Katayoun Dowlatshahi, who drew on Hull’s diverse habitat for her vinyl designs for Cecil Gardens.

Tim Norris, whose design for a summer house at Cecil Gardens is based upon the historical flora of the area and is inspired by a springtime bud.

Each scheme will also feature sculptures – Peter Coates has designed the ones for Harrison Park, Jim Milner for Cecil Gardens (pictured top right) and Mari-Ruth Oda for Redwood Glades.

More information

Updates on site progress and community activities can be found on the notice board at the site entrances. If you have any questions contact the site office on 01482 755151 or Riverside on hullextracare.enquiries@riverside.org.uk