Construction update

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for bearing with us during construction.

We are making good progress at all three sites, which are on target to be completed on time with Harrison Park (Hall Road) due to be finished in winter 2016; Cecil Gardens (Hawthorn Avenue) in spring 2017; and Redwood Glades (Leads Road) in summer 2017.

Harrison Park is taking shape with the brickwork currently going up, while the timber frames are progressing well at Cecil Gardens and Redwood Glades, both of which are starting to be fitted out internally.

Local business opportunities

The schemes are designed to be community hubs with facilities such as restaurants, hair and beauty salons and wellbeing suites for the use of both the residents and those in the surrounding areas. We will be offering local entrepreneurs the chance to run their business from the facility, which will create further training and apprenticeship opportunities. We will be holding events in your area in the New Year so look out for more information to follow.

Building site safety

We are working closely with neighbouring schools to raise awareness of the dangers of playing on building sites. Wates Living Space took construction mascot Ivor Goodsite to pay a visit to Sutton Park Junior School and Newington Academy to teach the pupils about health and safety.
Creating a sense of place

We recognise the benefits of art on health and wellbeing so have appointed a team of six artists to help shape the identity of the three schemes.

They will work with Yorkshire-based RKL Consultants – who contributed towards Hull’s City of Culture bid – to develop a series of public artworks, reflecting the culture and history of the area.

The art will create a sense of place for the residents, as well as enhancing the area for visitors and neighbours. The artwork will include glazed entrance areas and bespoke reception desks, commissioned framed work for walls and summer houses and seating in the gardens.

Riverside’s Community Engagement Project Officer Katy Proctor said: “RKL have an impressive portfolio of local and national projects. Their creativeness is evident in Hull as members of their team contributed to schemes including the City’s bid for City of Culture 2017, the City’s Public Realm Strategy, the development of Hull Truck Theatre and Hull Fish Trail. We’re very excited to have them on board.”

Employment and training

As part of our commitment to creating new jobs and training opportunities, 45 apprentices have been recruited across the three schemes in a variety of roles from administrators to bricklayers.

Wates Living Space has also awarded Futureworks (Yorkshire) £20,000 to support 20 people in their search for long-term work in Hull, helping them with basic skills, NVQs, CVs and CSCS cards.

In addition, Wates teamed up with the Armed Forces Employment Pathway to deliver Building Futures, a training scheme which gives young people struggling to get into work the chance to learn construction skills, helping to improve their job prospects. After completing the two-week course, candidates have the option of completing a week’s residential with the Army before embarking on a month-long work placement.

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