



## THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY SITE IN FORDBRIDGE ROAD

Dear Resident,

As a neighbour, we are writing to update you on the plans for the development of the current Environment Agency site in Fordbridge Road.

In April, planning consent was given for replacing the existing buildings on the site with new homes and a new workshop, to give the Environment Agency a much better facility for their vital ongoing maintenance work on the river.

In terms of next steps, here's the activity we have planned for the next few months:

- We are going to agree a plan for the phased development of the site with the Environment Agency and start to clear and tidy the site
- We have instructed a Party Wall Surveyor to contact all adjoining residents and carry out condition surveys of their properties. These surveys will be carried out before any work starts on the site
- We are going to continue with the asbestos surveys so we know of any issues with the current buildings on the site before any of them are demolished
- Once the current tenant has left, we are going to demolish the cottage on the site that faces Fordbridge Road and clear the car storage area currently next to the cottage. This will help free up the space needed to create a separate access road for the Environment Agency operation

- We will be carrying out ongoing soils investigation and ground water monitoring, so we can assess what improvement work is needed during the development
- On the northern boundary of the site, we are going to remove the current fuel tanks and pumps, breaking up the surrounding concrete and removing any associated contamination, under the supervision of a specialist consultant
- We are going to realign services to enable the normal operation of the existing workshop while we demolish the cottage and front office block

While we are carrying out this work, the Environment Agency will continue with its operations. There will be a temporary increase in the movement of plant and equipment, primarily from the mainland site to their facility on the adjoining island, to help clear the site for development. They will also be emptying the site of unwanted materials and rubbish.

Just as we did during the development of the initial plans for the development, we want to involve and inform the local community at every stage. We are very keen to ensure that there is minimal disruption to you and your neighbours while this work is undertaken, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries, issues or concerns.

## SUMMARY

Below is a brief summary of what we have done since planning consent was granted:

Architects, engineers and consultants have started producing detailed drawings and specifications for the new development and the workshop

We have carried out a detailed services survey and drainage survey on the site, as well as starting an asbestos survey of all the current buildings

We have submitted a demolition notice to Spelthorne Council advising them of our intention to start the phased development of the site from 8 July 2013.

## MORE INFORMATION

If you want to contact us, please contact **Aidan Robson** ([aidan.robson@lindenhomes.co.uk](mailto:aidan.robson@lindenhomes.co.uk)).

Best regards,

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