

Marketfield Way redevelopment newsletter

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Welcome to the third edition of the Marketfield Way development newsletter. Read on for an update on our flagship regeneration project to provide more leisure choice and new homes in Redhill.

The scheme is on schedule to complete in late summer 2022 and will provide:

- a new multi-screen cinema
- new restaurants, shops, leisure and offices on the ground and first floors
- 150 new one and two bedroom homes for private rent
- a new landscaped pedestrian route, flanked by shops and restaurants, linking the High Street to Marketfield Way.

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- what is happening next
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Progress on site

Anyone passing the site will see that the development is really starting to take shape now, which is very exciting after several years of planning.

Significant progress continues to be made by the Council's contractors, VINCI Construction UK Ltd (VINCI) and their sub-contractors.

The building's concrete frame is advancing well on the residential blocks, which is now up to the seventh of thirteen floors, with staircases following up the building. As VINCI get higher, they are making areas of the building watertight.

Scaffolding has been put up around much of the residential blocks and is up to the sixth floor on the western residential block fronting the High Street. Behind the scaffolding, VINCI are progressing with the brickwork façade.

The insulation boards on the cinema are now very close to completion. The finished rainscreen panels will be installed over the coming weeks and you will begin to see what the finished cinema will look like externally.

The roofs for both the cinema and lower residential blocks commenced in July and will continue over coming months.

What's happening next

The concrete frame for the new homes will continue to be constructed over the next few months and by October, the full height of 13 floors should be complete. Brickwork will continue to follow the concrete frame progression up the building.

As VINCI complete the brickwork on the lower floors, they will begin to install windows for the residential areas in the western residential block, facing the High Street, from August to September. This will mean the lower sections of the building will become watertight and the internal works can begin.

Plasterboard walls are due to begin going in in August, along with the mechanical and electrical fitout for the retail spaces and lower flats. Following the plasterboard and mechanical and electrical fitout, the kitchens for the new homes will start to be fitted in September, together with tiling and painting works. The first internal fit-out works to the retail units will begin in August with dry-lining.



Local procurement and jobs

The Council and our main contractor, VINCI, are committed to providing local employment, training and procurement opportunities. To date, VINCI has spent over £1.7m on construction supplies from the local area and they are committed to continuing to procure locally where suitable.

In May, VINCI held an on-line 'Meet the Buyer' event in partnership with the Council and supported by Construction Line. Over 30 people attended the event seeking subcontractors for the Marketfield Way fit-out works, which will take place between July 2021 and July 2022, to complement the existing supply chain. To find out more about subcontractor opportunities, take a look at the leaflet available on our website at www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/marketfieldwayjobs or email VINCI at supplychainvincimfw@vinciconstruction.co.uk.

Since the slight easing of Covid-19 restrictions, VINCI has begun to hold site visits. In June, they welcomed students from East Surrey College and are working with the College to host student work placements over the summer.

If you are interested in working on site or finding out more about the Employment and Training Strategy for Marketfield Way please contact Richard Etherington, Project Manager, VINCI Construction UK Limited. (Contact details at the end of the newsletter).



Meet John, Local Crane Operator

John is one of the two Tower Crane Operators that work on the Marketfield Way project. The crane John operates is the one on the right-hand side of the picture and is the taller of the two, standing 60m above the ground. As one of the Crane Operators his job is to safely move materials and equipment around the site to where they are needed. He talks over the radio to a slinger/signaler constantly who act as John's eyes and ears on the ground and they are really important for when John cannot see what he is doing!

The Marketfield Way project means more to John than projects he's previously worked on as he grew up in Redhill, and still lives here today. "It's brilliant to be a part of such an important development project for my local area, plus I have a nice short commute to work!", said John.



Meet Su, Admin Manager at VINCI

Su Gibbons has worked for VINCI for over 10 years and has been involved with Marketfield Way from early on in the project as the Admin Manager. Su has a varied job role and supports the VINCI Commercial, Production and Management teams, as well as supporting the contractors on site with any IT and access queries.

Her work includes document control, management of the turnstile entry system and ordering sundry items - from pencils right up to hiring plant equipment. She is also one of the fire marshalls and first aiders. A construction site is not just putting one brick on top of another; there are lots of people behind the scenes and that have a part to play that contributes to the final finish of a building.

Su has created a garden area on the roof of the VINCI site office at the former public house, The Tower, where she has a bird feeding area and is even growing tomatoes!



VINCI UK Foundation

The Council and VINCI have supported three local charities with applications for a VINCI UK Foundation grant. All three have been shortlisted and a decision on the outcome of the grant applications is due in August this year.

The VINCI UK Foundation offers grants of between £3,000 and £20,000 to small and medium sized organisations whose work meets the objectives of the Foundation to promote social cohesion and fight exclusion. For more information on the Foundation see www.vinci-uk-foundation.co.uk

How to keep in touch

We'll be issuing a newsletter every three months to provide regular updates on the development. You can read past editions of the newsletter and sign up to receive future issues on our website.

You can keep in touch with us in a variety of ways:



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