Marketfield Way redevelopment newsletter

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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
- and a new landscaped pedestrian route, flanked by shops and restaurants, linking the High Street to Marketfield Way.

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Topping out

On Friday, 8 October, an important milestone was celebrated as the Marketfield Way development reached its full height of 13 floors and was marked with a 'topping out' event.

The occasion was marked by placing a yew tree branch, as is tradition, on the 12th floor of the building, accompanied by a toast to the future success of the scheme and the hard work of everyone helping to deliver it.

The event was presided over by the Mayor and attended by the Council's development partners, VINCI, Delph Property Group and Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership, and members of the Redhill Business Guild. It included a tour of the building and a sneak preview of the new multi-screen cinema space and the new homes.



Progress on site

If you've visited Redhill town centre recently, you can't have failed to notice the great progress being made on the site.

Externally, September saw the start of the main roofing works, making the building increasingly watertight. Scaffolding has nearly reached the top of the concrete frame. Brickwork continues to progress with the main works at second floor level and below nearly complete.

Inside the building, window installation is well underway, creating dry internal spaces for the plasterboard walls to go in. This is also enabling a focus on the internal fitout leading up to Christmas, with tiling, carpentry, kitchen and wardrobe installations in the new homes and painting works.



The cinema and service yard works are well underway. Utilities are being installed within the service yard and once completed preparation will commence for the final tarmac and curbs to be completed.

The VINCI team at Marketfield Way is continuing to work to ensure that the development is delivered, safely, on time and to a high quality.

What's happening next

Early January will see the completion of the show flat, another exciting milestone for the development. The new residential units being built as part of the project are all homes for private rent and have been pre-sold on a long lease to private rented housing provider Kooky: <u>www.mykookyhome.com</u>.



Although affordable homes will not be provided on this site, we are delivering 32 new homes in nearby Cromwell Road, a number of which we anticipate will be available to rent to local people on the housing register at below market rent.

Fit out of the homes will continue, including but not limited to the installation of kitchens, wardrobes, bathrooms, flooring and tiling.

The New Year will also see the removal of the final tower crane from site. Brickwork will be ongoing, rising above the retail floors. Roofing works will also be reaching completion and the green roofs installed. The green roofs will provide valuable ecosystems, supporting a wide range of smaller plants such as sedum and invertebrates.

Local procurement and jobs

The Council and our main contractor, VINCI, are committed to providing local employment, training and procurement opportunities and they have been actively supporting local initiatives.

Cameron Holms, Site Engineer, recently took part in an interview for Reigate and Banstead Works, discussing his role and how he got into the construction sector. Reigate and Banstead Works aims to profile local employers and provide signposting to local people in ways to upskill, as well as tips to secure roles. For further information, visit: <u>www.rb-works.co.uk</u>.

VINCI has also sponsored this year's Christmas tree in Redhill town centre.

Spend within the local supply chain is over £1.8m and there are now over 150 people working on site from different trades, many of whom are employed by sub-contractors of VINCI.

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).



VINCI UK Foundation

In our last newsletter we reported that the Council and VINCI had supported three local charities with applications for a VINCI UK Foundation grant.

We are pleased to announce that the VINCI UK Foundation have granted funding to two of the three organisations that applied:

- Reigate and Banstead Women's Aid, <u>www.rbwa.org.uk</u>, provide refuges for women and children fleeing domestic abuse by offering accommodation and support to families to restart their lives free from abuse, enabling women to rebuild their own lives using their own strengths and skills.
- Renewed Hope, <u>www.renewedhope.org.uk</u>, is a Redhill based charity for the homeless, vulnerable and isolated. Renewed Hope run a day centre, which is open 365 days a year, and also organise emergency winter accommodation for people who would otherwise be on the streets.

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 <u>www.vinci-uk-foundation.co.uk</u>.

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 on our website at: www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/marketfieldway.

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

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