

FEBRUARY 2019

## SOUTHMERE REDEVELOPMENT

### WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY EDITION OF DURKAN COMMUNITY NEWS

We would like to give you a progress update on our activities at Southmere Village and to let you know what will be happening next.

### INVITATION TO MEET THE CONTRACTOR; SITE TEAM AND MANAGEMENT

**Following the success of the Durkan meet the contractor drop in day that was held at the start of construction we would now like to invite you to meet the teams again.**

**Please join us on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March and drop in any time between 3pm to 7.30 pm at the Information Hub on Yarnton Way Erith DA18 4BW.**

You will have the opportunity to raise any concerns and for us to provide an update on construction.

### NEXT STAGES

As reported in our January Newsletter we can confirm that our cranes will be erected on site on 26<sup>th</sup> February and 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019. These cranes will then be used to construct the new buildings which you should see coming out of the ground by the end of April.

The new drainage and services installation is on going on site and the piles installed before Christmas are now being exposed and connected to form the new buildings foundations.

As per our letter dated the 8<sup>th</sup> February, we have recently completed some Road Adaption works to Southmere Drive. These works needed to be mobilised quickly to respond to a utility companies requirements and we apologise for the lack of notice provided to residents. Unfortunately the necessary adaption has resulted in a number of parking spaces being temporarily suspended. We have tried to keep these to a minimum and they will be reinstated once the works are complete, we

apologise for the disruption this causes for those that have vehicles and thank you for your patience and cooperation to date.

### WILLOWBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

We met with the head of Willowbank School recently and are excited to report that Durkan shall be working in partnership with the school to facilitate an art competition for the children, there will be prizes for winners and art work will be displayed on our hoarding.

Durkan are also in communication with both Willowbank School and Harris Gerrard Academy to discuss provision of experienced speakers to attend careers days at both Schools.



### TRAINING, WORK EXPERIENCE AND APPRENTISHIPS

**Durkan will be bringing training and employment opportunities to local people as part of our commitment to the Thamesmead Community.**

**Working in partnership with Peabody and LSE College (Bexley) we will be offering nine traineeship places in 2019. These will include a site work placement as well as employability skills. The three top-performing candidates will be offered an apprenticeship place - and stepping stone into a life-long career.**

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Durkan are also working in partnership with *Peabody Reconnect*, and Bexley Council's local employment team, *E2E* to get local residents into project employment opportunities. We aim to target local talent to fill as many project vacancies as possible. Opportunities will come on line as the project develops and will range from entry-level positions to skilled roles.

If you are interested in any of our training or employment opportunities please register your interest with either *E2E*, *Peabody Reconnect*: Tel: 0203 828 4916 / 0203 828 4915.

### THAMESMEAD PORTAL

Thamesmead residents now have a one stop online shop for employment and training opportunities, business guidance, funding advice and community activities with the launch of the new Thamesmead Portal. Accessed through the Thamesmead Now website ([www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk](http://www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk)).

The Thamesmead Portal brings together everything you need to look for a job, learn new skills, start your own business or volunteer in and around Thamesmead. It is easy to use, you can even go online to create your own profile, as well as seeing what opportunities are available from local and national employers.

### DURKAN WEBSITE - RESIDENTS AREA

For the most up to date information please visit <http://www.durkan.co.uk/resident-news>

You can also follow us on Twitter and LinkedIn



### CONSIDERATE CONSTRUCTOR

As an Associate member of the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) Durkan registers its

sites with the CCS and we are then monitored by an experienced independent assessor throughout the duration of the project.

The assessor looks at the performance against the five point Code of Considerate Practice which is:

- Enhancing the **APPEARANCE**
- Respecting the **COMMUNITY**
- Protecting the **ENVIRONMENT**
- Securing everyone's **SAFETY**
- Caring for the **WORKFORCE**

The main areas the scheme covers are:

- **The Environment**  
Working in an environmentally conscious and sustainable manner
- **The Workforce**  
To provide clean, appropriate facilities for all those who work on site.
- **The General Public**  
Sites should do all they can to reduce any negative impact they may have on the area in which they are working

You can find out more about the CCS by visiting [www.ccscheme.org.uk](http://www.ccscheme.org.uk)

It is important to us that all our sites achieve the standards set out by the CCS.

### THE ROLE OF YOUR RESIDENT LIAISON OFFICER

Your liaison officer Sonia Allen will be your first point of contact for Durkan.

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