# Wimbledon Newsletter

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### **DEAR NEIGHBOUR**

Since the last update on this site a great deal of work has taken place.

The overall massing of the site is now clearly apparent with Block 3, fronting Plough Lane being the most advanced. Completion of this block is scheduled for the Winter of 2020. Construction on Block 1 (alongside Summerstown) and Block 2 (off Riverside Road) is also progressing well.

Contractors working on the first phase of the AFC Wimbledon Stadium have made good progress. The first matches in the new ground are expected to be played during the last quarter of 2020.

In March we ceased works on the residential site due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Works have now restarted and progress has been maintained, albeit at a reduced level. We are working in accordance with Government and Construction Leadership Council guidelines. Following the Ministerial Statement of 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020, we have received approval from the London Borough of Merton for extended working hours for our development. The extended hours of operation are now:

Monday to Friday 7am to 9pm Saturdays 8am to 4pm

We're not currently anticipating that we'll need to work on Sundays or Bank Holidays, however if we do, we will need permission from the Council. We will also ensure that we notify you by putting up signage in advance. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards, Richard Robins and the Construction Team

Our aim is to keep disruption to an absolute minimum at all times but in some instances we may cause disturbances to residents whereby site works may be noisy on certain days and any complaints or issues will be dealt with directly and personally.

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### **PROGRESS IMAGES**

















## MESSAGE FROM DON O'SULLIVAN CEO, GALLIARD HOMES LTD

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on actions we have undertaken, regarding our workers and the communities where we operate, during these extraordinary times.



We have endeavoured during the current few months to act sensitively in response to government guidance. When the Prime Minister announced the official lockdown on the 23rd March, we acted with immediate effect to close the company's building/construction sites across the UK.

We like you all, are enthusiastic to do what we can to assist our local communities in the fight against COVID-19. In this effort we have donated the use of company warehouses to help assist local authorities in their work to store essential supplies. We have donated PPE to the NHS as well as various charitable organisations that have a close association with the company's ethos and community.

As the government guidance has evolved, we have been able to adopt and adapt working conditions to see a return to work on most sites. You may have seen that we have opened our site near you and work has restarted, it is unlikely to reach the pre-lockdown levels for the foreseeable future — we are currently operating at approximately 70% of capacity. We have worked hard to ensure our site is compliant with current government guidance and that the health and safety of our staff and the local community is at the forefront of our work. We participated in the drafting, and are a signatory to the Charter, supported by the House Building Federation, the Government and the Mayor; that outlines the commitment and delivery of safe working conditions in the new environment which we find ourselves today.

We will endeavour to keep you updated on our progress and we look forward to working with the local community over the next few months to support the economic recovery.

Yours sincerely

Don O'Sullivan

CEO

## MESSAGE FROM RICHARD SMITH MD FOR NEW HOMES LONDON CATALYST



As the government looks to ease lockdown, we now have the opportunity to take stock of how we have coped with the last three months. In the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Catalyst Communities team launched a COVID-19 support fund for smaller, charitable organisations that work in our communities. We targeted organisations that provide services to older people and people with vulnerabilities, as well as food banks and food distribution centres. I'm pleased to say that we've been able support over 20 organisations in the last three months, helping make sure they can keep operating during lockdown.

We also launched a new Wellbeing Team, who were tasked with calling and checking in on our most vulnerable customers. Our callers could offer advice and guidance around what services were available to our customers, or just simply have a nice friendly chat. So far, we've made over 4,500 calls to our customers and spoken to over 2,800 people.

Now, as lockdown eases and restrictions are lifted, we've begun to see more activity on all of our schemes, as well as our marketing suites. The majority of our sites are now open again, albeit with reduced capacity. You can also now make individual appointments with our sales and marketing team or take virtual tours of our recently developments. We hope to be launching this at Wimbledon soon, and will share it on our sales website: www.chg.org.uk

Please rest assured that we will follow the government's health safety guidelines at all times and will make sure all our colleagues and contractors have the required PPE to do their jobs.

Take care and stay safe,

Richard Smith – MD of New Homes London, Catalyst