

Non-traditional housing redevelopment newsletter

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First homes start to take shape in Coalpit Heath

The first homes being built in our non-traditional housing redevelopment project are starting to take shape.

We're replacing 18 non-traditional properties in Coalpit Heath in the first part of the project, with 39 modern, energy efficient homes. The homes are being built on two sites, either side of Oldlands Avenue, with work on the first properties getting underway earlier in the summer.

The pace of the development is now stepping up and by the middle of September, timber frames were in place for the first nine properties, the first of which also had windows, a finished roof and its outer layer of bricks all in place.

Project Manager Sally Gilbert said: "It's exciting to see the new homes going up so quickly.

To mark the start of the building work, we held a week-long exhibition about life in village. The exhibition was held in one of the properties due to be demolished in the next part of the project. The home was transformed into a 1950s themed Memory House with



New homes being built in Coalpit Heath recordings of villagers' memories playing in the hallway and living room, while pictures of the village's mining past were hung on the walls and fifties knick-knacks were scattered around the rooms.

In total we're redeveloping 44 properties and some garages in the village to make way for 84 new homes. Work on the first 39 is due to be completed next summer. Visit www.merlinhs.co.uk for more details and to watch videos on the progress of the work.

Residents view plans for new homes



The new homes proposed for Conygre Grove in Filton

Residents in Filton and Little Stoke have been having their say about our plans to redevelop five sites in their areas.

In Filton we're planning to redevelop 24 non-traditional properties at three sites in Canberra Grove, Conygre Grove and Rodney Crescent and replace them with 35 modern, energy efficient new homes. Meanwhile in Little Stoke we were planning to redevelop 12 properties in Rossall Avenue and Collins Avenue. We're also exploring the possibility of redeveloping garage sites at Stokebridge Avenue. In total up to 20 new homes could be built in Little Stoke on these sites.

During the summer we held consultations with local people about our plans for both sites.

Project Manager Sally Gilbert said: "We've been meeting and communicating with the residents whose homes we

want to redevelop for some time. But we want to give as many people as possible the chance to view and comment on our plans so held these consultations events.

"We were really pleased with the number of people who have attended the sessions to find out more about our plans. There's a large demand for affordable housing in both Filton and Little Stoke and these new homes will help meet this need, whilst maintaining the character of the local neighbourhoods."



An impression of how the new homes in Collins Avenue, Little Stoke will look like when they're built