

# Non-traditional housing redevelopment newsletter

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## Redevelopment plans await planning permission

Plans for the first redevelopment of our non-traditional homes will be submitted for planning permission next month.

The plans for the first phase of work in Coalpit Heath have changed considerably since the first draft proposals were produced. The biggest change is in the scale of the first part of the project. Initially we were planning to replace ten non-traditional properties with 22 new homes. However, we are now planning on redeveloping 16 homes and building 39, modern, energy efficient homes to replace them.

During the past month we've held two events in Coalpit Heath to give villagers the chance to see the final plans for themselves. These events followed three consultation sessions held in the village last year when people had the chance to comment on the plans.

Project manager Sally Gilbert said: "The consultation events were really good and we got lots of good feedback. We listened to what everybody had to say and have modified some of the plans based on people's comments. Having



David Mullins and Audrey Leahy from the project group, with Project Manager Sally Gilbert at the site of the first redevelopment

made some changes, we wanted to give people the chance to see them before we applied for planning permission.

"Now we're ready to submit the plans to the council. As well as the 16 homes in the flagship, we're also want permission to replace another 16 homes in Willow Way, Oldlands Avenue, Bell Road and Ridings Road with 26 new homes.

"This means that we're asking for permission to redevelop all of the properties we'd identified in Coalpit Heath, except for some in Newlands

Avenue. We're still drawing up proposals for these homes and will include these in a future application."

All of the residents from the existing ten properties have been rehoused and some of them will be moving back into a brand new home on the site. We're now working with the residents of the homes we've added into the first site to find them somewhere to live.

However, we learned at the start of the month that our plans to demolish the existing properties have been delayed slightly. South Gloucestershire Council has asked us to provide more information before they will give us permission to knock down the buildings.

This means that it's likely to be at least a further two months before we're able to start demolition on the site.

## Iron Acton consultation gets underway

With the plans for Coalpit Heath now with South Gloucestershire Council, we're now starting to focus on the next homes in the first phase of the project.

We've invited residents in Iron Acton whose homes are due to be redeveloped to a meeting where they can see the first plans for the site.

The 18 properties are in Algars Drive and Chilwood Close and are a mixture of Cornish and Airey-style homes.

Project Manager Sally Gilbert said: "We're working with our architects Quattro to draw up the plans for Iron Acton now in time for the consultation events. We've had lots of good feedback from the previous events we've held, so are looking forward to hearing what people in the village think of our plans."

The first meetings will be by invitation only for people living on or next to the development site. We'll be holding a public meeting for all villagers on to have their say later in the year.

Algars Drive, Iron Acton

