

NEW LINK ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION

SEPTEMBER SAW WORK BEGIN ON THE NEW £5 MILLION LINK ROAD BETWEEN SLATEFORD ROAD AND BARRANGARY ROAD. LOCAL MSP AND SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT MINISTER, DEREK MACKAY VISITED THE SITE TO OFFICIALLY MARK THE START OF THE WORKS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY LOCAL COMPANY RAYNESWAY CONSTRUCTION LIMITED.

THE NEW 1.7KM ROAD WILL LINK THE NORTH AND SOUTH AREAS OF DARGAVEL VILLAGE.

THERE ARE NOW MORE THAN 40 PEOPLE WORKING ON THE PROJECT, WHICH IS DUE FOR COMPLETION IN SPRING 2016.

“This is an important development for the continuing regeneration of the Bishopton area and it is exciting to see the scale of the work that is being carried-out to improve transport links.”

DEREK MACKAY MSP



WHAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR

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FORMER EXPLOSIVES
BUILDINGS SUCCESSFULLY
DECONTAMINATED



DEMOLISHED 481 BUILDINGS
WITH 95% OF THE MATERIALS
BEING RECYCLED



OVER 350 HOMES HAVE NOW
BEEN BUILT AND ALREADY
OCCUPIED

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ACRES OF FORMER BROWNFIELD
LAND HAVE NOW BEEN PREPARED
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
DARGAVEL VILLAGE



THE FIRST STAGE OF THE CORE LINK
PATH OPENED IN THE SUMMER,
CONNECTING THE SOUTH OF THE
VILLAGE TO THE TRAIN STATION



THE NORTHEAST LINK ROAD
BETWEEN SLATEFORD ROAD AND
NEWTON ROAD IS NOW OPEN

HAVE YOUR SAY



PUBLIC CONSULTATION

On 15th December 2015 we will be holding a public consultation on our proposed planning application for additional housing. The event will be held in the Bishopton Community Centre between 2pm and 7.30pm and all residents are welcome to attend.



NEXT COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP MEETING

The next CLG meeting will take place in February 2016. If there are issues you wish to raise at the meeting, contact your CLG representative.



CONTACT US ANYTIME

We are keen to hear your views on the Dargavel Village development. Send your thoughts to us at:
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Houston Road
Houston, PA6 7BG

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BISHOPTON REGENERATION UPDATE

EDITION 1: DECEMBER 2015



WELCOME

TO THE FIRST EDITION OF OUR NEW QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER BRINGING YOU THE LATEST NEWS ON OUR DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER ROYAL ORDNANCE FACTORY SITE IN BISHOPTON, ONE OF THE LARGEST PRIVATELY-FUNDED REGENERATION PROJECTS IN THE UK.

I have recently taken over from Lynda Johnstone as the Programme Manager for the Bishopton regeneration project and I, along with our partners, am committed to keeping you informed of what is happening in and around the site and what you can expect to see in the coming months.

We've had a busy few months on the site and are making significant progress. In September, we welcomed local MSP and Scottish Government Transport Minister, Derek Mackay, to the site to turn the first soil on the new link road which is due for completion in spring 2016.

In the coming months, we will be starting work on the landscaping around the centre of Dargavel Village which we hope will create a focal point for the Village and an area the community can enjoy. Alongside this we will soon start work on the Park & Ride and other key landscaping projects around the development.

BAE Systems remains committed to bringing new jobs and commercial opportunities to the area, adding a fantastic new range of family homes and creating an environment which not only sits comfortably with the existing village, but further enhances Bishopton's position as one of Scotland's key locations.

JON GETTINBY

BAE SYSTEMS
INSPIRED WORK

NEWS:

ONE OF THE LARGEST PRIVATELY-FUNDED REGENERATION PROJECTS IN THE UK



SHARED SPACES TO ENCOURAGE CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS

The routes connecting the established community of Bishopton to Dargavel Village are to be improved as part of the planned remodelling to the Station Road and Birch Road areas.

We will be creating a shared space where pedestrians and cyclists will have priority over any road vehicles. The road surfaces will be constructed of materials different to those used on other roads and pathways to make it easily identifiable as a communal area. Our aim is to create routes that open up the woodland for walkers and cyclists and make them safer for the community to use.

MORE PARKING FOR RAIL USERS

From next summer, residents of Bishopton will have access to **150 newly resurfaced parking spaces** on the western side of the railway as the temporary park and ride car park is reconfigured.



PROTECTING LOCAL WILDLIFE

We are **committed to protecting the local wildlife** on the Bishopton site, some of which is protected and we have been working closely with Scottish Natural Heritage on a number of on-site activities to ensure the homes and habitats of our resident wildlife are maintained or repositioned in the right way.

Since work began on the site, we have created a 250 metre long waterway in a quiet area on the south side of the site where our otter family can live and play. Our surveys have identified at least 13 badger setts on-site and we are continuously monitoring their locations to ensure that the badgers are not disrupted by any of the construction works. So far, we have built several new setts to rehome some of the resident badgers and have also constructed badger tunnels beneath the new roads.

The Bishopton site is also home to a number of bats and we have around **20 bat boxes situated** across the development. We carry out bat surveys on buildings and surrounding trees before any work is carried out.

We will also be investing in ACO Wildlife Kerbs which will be installed on the new link road. The specially designed kerbs provide an escape route from the gullypot for wildlife such as frogs, toads and small mammals by enabling them to navigate around the gullies without compromising on drainage.



PLAYTIME IN DARGAVEL VILLAGE

At the edge of the Wester Rossland Woodland, we are creating a **fully-equipped children's play area** for use by residents throughout Bishopton.

We will be installing timber-framed swings and climbing structures to keep the area in line with the surrounding woodlands. A second play area is scheduled to be built alongside the pedestrian route at the end of Newton Road.

NEXT PHASE OF HOUSE BUILDING STARTS

Over **350 houses in Dargavel Village are now occupied** and building work continues on the southern and northern quarters.

CALA Homes, Persimmon Homes and Taylor Wimpey are continuing to construct a variety of new properties to meet the current housing demand.



RESURFACING CROSS HILL ROAD

Having completed the additional service and utilities works on Cross Hill Road, **we will start the road works before the end of the year.**

CALMING THE ROADS

Safety is a top priority for us and over the coming months, we will be making a number of improvements to Slateford Road.

We will be improving the existing traffic calming measures, making them more visible to drivers on approach and we will be re-profiling the roadside ditches to reduce their depth.

THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE

Over the next six months, **we will start to transform the landscape** around the centre of Dargavel Village.

Our plans will see the creation of an open civic space in the heart of the village around the long-established ponds - home to a number of protected Otters and other wildlife. We expect to have the Village Square open in spring 2016.



WORKING TOWARDS ROAD ADOPTION

Before the end of the year, **we will start installing traffic lights on to the Barrangary Road** which will be turned on in January 2016. Whilst the connecting roads are not yet operational, the traffic lights are an essential part of the design and preparation for adoption of the road by Renfrewshire Council.