Road network improvements underway

In May, we started work on our programme to improve and enhance the road infrastructure in, and around, Bishopton Village and Dargavel Village. As part of the programme, we are making upgrades and improvements to Station Road, Birch Road, Sachelcourt Avenue and the park-and-ride area.

We have already started preparing the temporary car park facility in advance of the park-and-ride upgrade works which are due to start in June. The temporary car park will have an increased capacity for parking and will be decommissioned once the new car park is complete. The new park-and-ride facility will provide residents with 150 parking spaces, 60 more than the current car park. We have also started the site preparation works to Birch Road.

Over the next few months, we will be continuing to resurface and re-profile Birch Road, installing lighting on the core link path, and improving drainage on Station Road and Sachelcourt Avenue.

We are aware that these works may cause some disruption and inconvenience to local residents over the coming months and we have undertaken efforts to minimise these. These works are necessary and are part of our continued commitment to the local communities. Our aim is to create an environment that is more accessible and user-friendly for pedestrians and cyclists.

The works are due to be completed in mid-October and we ask residents to check our website or the village noticeboard for further updates.

Other news

Watch your speed

Safety is a high priority for us on the development and a number of residents have raised concerns around speeding on the site.

Following the completion of the traffic calming measures on Slateford Road and Barrangary Road, we will be installing two temporary speed monitoring signs. One will be installed on Slateford Road and the other will be installed on Barrangary Road.

These signs register the speed of passing vehicles and can be moved to other roads around the development as needed.

Bishopton Community Trust

The Bishopton Community Trust's charitable status has been agreed by the Regulator in principle.

As part of our commitment to the community, we will be donating a total of £300,000 to the Trust, phased over the life-time of the development of Dargavel Village, to be spent at the Trust's discretion on development projects for the benefit of the communities.

In addition to this donation, we will also be undertaking drainage improvement works to Holm Park before transferring the nine acres of land to the Trust.

The Trust is currently consulting with the local community regarding the potential future use of Holm Park and further details can be found on their website at **www.bishoptondevelopmenttrust.co.uk.**

Have your say

Contact us anytime
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Bishopton regeneration Update

Edition 3: June 2016

Welcome to the third edition of our newsletter. Over the last few months, we have been focusing on the landscaping around the centre of the village and the off-site improvement works to Birch Road, Station Road, the park-and-ride area and neighbouring roads. I am pleased to say that we are making good progress and we are looking forward to opening the first Village Square this summer.

Our vision for Dargavel Village is to create an aspirational place of distinct character for people to live which integrates the new development with its surroundings. We recognise the importance of creating a strong feeling of community with high-quality public areas and a good network of footpaths and cycle ways connecting the north and southern sections of Dargavel Village to the open green spaces and the wider more established community, and we have made this a priority for 2016.

The new link road, connecting the north and south of the village, is almost complete and is due to open late June/early July. This is a major milestone in the development of Dargavel Village.

In addition to the infrastructure and landscaping works, we continue to closely monitor and manage the wildlife we have on the development with our dedicated team of ecologists.

Jon Gettinby

Ecology focus

Running rings around the site

At Dargavel Village, the local wildlife continues to thrive and flourish, as do the wild flowers. Protecting the local wildlife continues to be a priority for us and, since work began on the development, our team of ecologists have identified approximately 100 different bird species on-site.

This year, our ecologists have logged more ringed plovers nesting on the site. The population of the ringed plover has been in decline across the UK for many years and it has been given a red conservation status by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), meaning it is given the highest conservation priority. Ringed plovers were first observed nesting at Bishopton in 2015 when three pairs successfully reared chicks. This year, our ecologists have recorded seven pairs nesting on the site and we are continuing to monitor their numbers.

Second largest heronry in the Clyde

Herons were first identified as being resident on the site in 1994 having moved from nearby Barochan Moss.

Despite declining heron numbers across the Clyde area, we recorded 31 nests this year, up from 28 in 2011, and the Bishopton site remains the second largest heronry in the Clyde.

Through our Bird Management Plan, we are continuing to give the herons a safe, undisturbed nesting area and we hope that they will continue to thrive here for many years to come.

Nature continues to thrive!

This spring we have seen nature flourish on the development. Alongside our resident badgers, otters, owls and birds, we have also spotted a couple of other noteworthy species around the site.

- **Brook lamprey:** Brook lampreys are jawless fish that live in rivers and streams. Our ecologists have observed the species in Dargavel Burn making its nest in the gravel bed
- **Orange-tip butterflies:** Common throughout lowland areas, we have seen a number of orange-tip butterflies flying around the site and our ecologists have even seen some of their eggs
- **Bats:** Bats continue to be one of our main inhabitants and we will soon be carrying out our next bat survey ahead of the next phase of remediation works

Development news

Village Square taking shape

The landscape of Dargavel Village is changing as work progresses on the Village Square at the heart of the village. These works started in April and the first section, at Station Road, is expected to be completed in the summer.

Our contractors have been busy constructing the footpaths, kerbing and paving, and have built some of the stones walls using stone reclaimed from Bolerno House, one of the former office buildings that was part of the factory site.

Landscaping around Barrangary Road will continue to take place throughout the summer months. This will be followed by the completion of two play areas at Newton Road and Birch Road which are expected to be open to the public in late autumn.

New road link set to open

Contractors are putting the finishing touches to the new link road which will connect the north and south of the development.

These finishing touches include installing energy-efficient LED street lights, laying the final road surface, installing traffic calming measures and painting the relevant road markings. The road is set to be completed and open to the public in late June/early July.