

then commence on road works in Eastcote Road to provide an amended junction, traffic island, pedestrian crossing, revised road markings)

Construction work has now started in the northern section with the first works being on the 36 affordable and shared equity houses and flats.

Work has commenced behind Spring Drive, with Block E (plots 225-235), this will be followed by houses on plots 253 to 258, then block F (240-252) and the houses on plots 236 to 239 behind Flag Walk in late May. In this area work is still in progress to eradicate Japanese Knotweed.

There are also some trees to be removed in this area but most of the trees are protected and will remain. We believe adjacent residents are aware of which trees are to remain/be removed and we ask them to closely monitor activity to ensure that no trees are removed incorrectly, as has happened in the past.

It is anticipated that work will start on all other properties by June/July except the housing sites which may/may not be handed over to Bellway and block B on the Visitors centre and Block C behind Pretty Cottages (near Fore Street junction). Block C will be delayed for some time as the current works office compound in the Southern Section will be gradually moved to this site as work completes in the Southern Section.

Southern Section (from Lime Grove/Kent Garden to the central public footpath)

In the Southern Section work will start this month on block H2, by the footpath through the site. The only plots where work has not yet started are Apartment Blocks H1 & J in the centre of the site by the footpath. It is not anticipated that work will commence on these plots in the near future as these contain some of the live/work units and the developers have not managed to sell any of them, (this is the case on most development sites, hence it would be no problem for the Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team to acquire one of these units for a local office but the Metropolitan Police have refused to take this sensible step).

Work continues on the new fencing and realigning fencing along the public footpath (see earlier complaint).

The only new properties occupied since our last report has been on plot 12 and the adjacent flats in block L (plots 27-32) near the Lime Grove entrance.

Further occupations are planned as follows:-

- Block U (plots 199-203) -was not handed over as planned to A2 Dominion (the housing Association) due to completion problems - occupation now May/June
- Plots 126-130 & 181-188 - behind 27 to 43 Deane Way -occupation May/June
- Plots 109 -125 behind 15 to 25 Deane Way and 25-55 The Sigers - hand over May-occupation soon after
- Plots 93-108 behind 57 to 79 The Sigers and along the footpath near 34 to 36 Azalea Walk - hand over September -occupation soon after.
- Blocks -R-June, K-July, and Q-August
- Plots 82-92 along the footpath - July/August

The Biomass Plant, in block R, which supplies heating/hot water to all the assisted housing in the southern section and some of the private housing is now in operation together with the gas powered heating plant. It currently supplies heating to the newly occupied private housing in Block L by the Lime Grove entrance. The large metal chimney (6metres above the building) presently clearly visible is still awaiting the brick cladding.

Basic work on the Community Hall in Block M is complete but Hillingdon Council appear to have made not proposals/decision of how this is to be fitted out.

The developer anticipates he will clear the central play area/central green by August at which time landscaping work will commence. By this stage he also anticipates that the roads final wearing course will be laid.

Any complains about things happening on or near the site - contact the Site Manager Mark Leahy on

0208 866 4012 or mobile 07906 586189(emergency use only) and let Chris Groom-ERA (tel: 8866 0985) know the details by phone or email.

The next report will be in early June
Chris Groom