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BLACKFRIARS DEVELOPMENT SITE, BATTLE

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION:

This site is being developed in phases to provide 200 new homes. The construction works are expected to complete during late summer 2027.

The new housing scheme at Blackfriars will feature a mixture of mainly 2, 3 and 4 -bedroom houses and 1 and 2-bedroom maisonettes of high-quality, well-designed homes. The Housing Company will now deliver 130 of the 200 dwellings as affordable housing, to include 46 affordable rented homes and 84 low-cost home ownership properties (shared ownership) for residents unable to access the housing market to meet their needs.

Further details of the development can be found on the Rother DC Housing Company webpage: www.rotherdchousing.co.uk/blackfriars.

If you are interested in visiting the sales unit or purchasing a new home off plan, please speak to our Sales Team on 01424 390023 or visit www.tapestrylife.co.uk .

PLANNING

- Outline Planning Application (reference RR/2019/604/P)
- Reserved Matters planning approval (ref RR/2020/2307/P)
- Section 73 planning application (RR/2023/1487/P)
- Emmanuel Centre Slope regrading planning application (RR/2024/729/P)

PUBLIC FOOTPATH

The route of Public Footpath 76 across the site is currently closed to the public for health and safety reasons during the construction activity on site. Our aim is to reopen the footpath as soon as it is safe to do so, with protected public access during the ongoing housebuilding activity. We will keep you informed on specifics of the reopening of the footpath and its route. This is currently proposed for September 2027 however, efforts will be made to improve upon this. The temporary closure has been renewed for the next 18 months until April 27.

WOODLAND MANAGEMENT

Rother DC Housing Company have commissioned further works to the surrounding woodlands as part of the Planning approval to provide tree and woodland mitigation. This work is taking place at Roughland Wood, Knights Meadow and woodlands surrounding the construction area. Woodland management has to date included removal of laurel, tree planting and maintenance of the 500 newly planted whips over the spring/summer months of 2024. Once established, these trees will provide a valuable habitat for native species in decline, including the dormouse. Woodland glades have also been created to help improve ground flora diversity, and dead hedges provide connectivity features. Woodland management over this winter will include management of newly designated areas, and ongoing laurel control.

SITE ARRANGEMENTS (from April 2025)

Greymoor are the main/principal contractor at site. Greymoor still retain responsibility for silt management and surface water discharge control.

OFF-SITE FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Road surface improvements at the Harrier Lane entrance are due to start/ongoing early May. Likewise, Blackfriars Development will be providing certain bus stop improvements, which are currently being discussed with East Sussex County Council.

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME:

Greymoor continue to progress works across the entire site at this stage, to include brickwork, roofing and internal works to the new homes at the Harrier Lane of site and completion of homes to the Spinney end of site. There are now houses at various stages of construction at both the Harrier Lane end of site and the Spinney end of site.

The works are due for completion in late summer 2027.

New houses continue to be completed and the first families are living on site at the Spinney end of site. Homes to be occupied at the Harrier Lane end of site during June.

CONSTRUCTION WORKS PLANNED DURING MARCH 2026:

- No current piling. Next piling circa June 2026.
- Brickwork and roofing works continuing to Harrier Lane end of site and areas backing onto Abbots Close
- Landscaping and external works progressing to The Spinney end of site and commenced to Harrier Lane entrance areas.
- Internal works progressing to houses at The Spinney end of site and at Harrier Lane end of site.
- Residents now living at the Spinney end of site. New residents expected at the Harrier Lane end of site during June 26.
- New Homes available for sale.

For any queries related to the works on site, please contact Greymoor Project Manager, Anthony Skelly, at 07572 157651. Alternatively, Richard Norris at 07956 713706. For any general queries about the housing scheme please contact rotherdchousingcompany@rother.gov.uk