

Keeping you updated

Reading Golf Course Development Newsletter



Residents Meeting

Thank you to those who attended the recent residents meeting on Thursday 12th October. We appreciate the constructive feedback that was provided and Vistry have taken this on board. We will endeavour to address the concerns raised and communicate construction updates throughout the build programme.

Construction Update

Construction is now well underway on site, and we can confirm the following forthcoming programme of events.

The forming of the temporary access bellmouth junction started on October 26th and will be completed in mid November 2023. This will alleviate pressure on Kidmore End Road and enable larger construction vehicles to turn left out of the site and to use the delivery route agreed in our Construction Method Statement.

The services works being carried out in Kidmore End Road outside of the site entrance will also be completed in November 2023. The electric network works are due to be finished in January 2024.

These access and services works will require a single lane closure outside of the site. Traffic will still be able to pass however this will be controlled. Once we have dates from the statutory service providers who are carrying out the works, we will endeavour to let you know via the Facebook page.

Brickwork is set to commence in January 2024 and we hope the first home to be ready for occupation by August 2024.

The targeted construction end date is August 2026 based on the current build programme. Please be aware that this depends on many factors, not least build delays, market conditions, planning and general external influences. Should there be any significant delays or changes we will communicate this.



223 new homes at Reading Golf Course, Kidmore End Road, Reading

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Highdown School & Sixth Form Centre Tree Donation



In October, Vistry donated two trees from the Emmer Green Drive development to Highdown School & Sixth Form Centre. A Cherry tree and a Scots Pine were the trees chosen by the Highdown Students. The trees were quite substantial in size and had to be carefully removed from the site with specialist machinery to keep their root balls intact. They were kept watered throughout the day to ensure they stand the best chance of survival being replanted.

A handing-over ceremony was held at the site on Wednesday 11th October. This event was attended by senior members of the Vistry management team, Reading Borough Councillor Simon Robinson, and staff and students from Highdown School who took the trees away in their minibus for replanting in the schools grounds.

We also gave away a further 16 trees some of which were collected by local residents for replanting in nearby public green spaces.

Reaching out to Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre we hope, will be the start of Vistry's engagement with the local community in Emmer Green.

We hope that these trees will continue to grow and flourish in their new settings, where they can be enjoyed by the community.

This donation is part of our overall vision for Emmer Green Drive as we set about creating a family-friendly environment in a tree-lined setting. There will be new play areas within the extensive public open spaces planned, which will see existing vegetation retained wherever possible.

We are to plant 209 new native trees across the site, a net gain of 104 trees, creating new habitat for wildlife, alongside bird and bat boxes, hedgehog houses and log piles.



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