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**To:** Prudhoe Town Council

Dear all,

By way of brief update on the above scheme:

- Demolition works are progressing well with a target date of April 17 for completion.
- A new species of bat was discovered in one building which means that the natural England license requires updating & that building cannot be demolished until April next year.
- The main site has now been fully secured to ensure public health & safety with access to the public right of way maintained.
- Ongoing vandalism, theft & breaching of the site perimeter unfortunately persists. We have security patrol the perimeter on a daily basis & report back to the site team, so any breaches can be remedied.
- The final stage of securing the site / installing the tree protection to the main access road from the B6395 is now nearing completion. This is to allow the existing road to be grubbed up & the new wider road to be installed. This will prevent pedestrians from cutting through the woodland into what will be an active construction zone very shortly, however is unavoidable for this reason.
- We have planning permission in place for Temporary access during the road improvement works via Moore Road – for clarity, access from moor Road is only to be implemented when the main site access is unusable & site access will revert back to the main access once related works are completed.
- Foundation works on the 1<sup>st</sup> plots are planned to start in the January of next year with the 1<sup>st</sup> houses completing July/Aug.
- Works to progress the main surface water sewer outfall into the Stanley Burn are to progress early next year. This will require a temporary stopping up of the public right of way until the works are completed. There will be a statutory notification required for this, however in addition we plan to put some of our own notices up as soon as we know the exact dates, to keep local users informed. Works should take no longer than 6 months & would hopefully be completed well within this time frame, resulting in improvements to the current steps down into the burn.

We're endeavouring to minimise disruption to local users, however changes to the status quo will unfortunately raise complaint from the few. As the main disruption to historical users of the site is through the initial works packages at the outset, as the site re-opens in phases, when safe to do so & when occupations start to commence next year, it is hoped that the new public amenity space given by the scheme will soon compensate for the initial closing off of the private land.

If you have any queries on the above or wish to chat through any detail, please don't hesitate to contact me directly, otherwise I'll drop another update through when firmer dates are known on any formal closures required.

Kind Regards,

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