

# Abingworth Homes Update

## Development progress

Thakeham residents will have noticed how work is progressing quickly on the first phase of new homes at Abingworth Meadows. Saturday 1st October saw the official launch and the opening of the show home and marketing suite just eight months after the start of work on site.

This first phase being built by Oakford Homes is for 39 detached four and five bedroomed homes located around the new cricket ground and to the west of the site. The first homes will be ready for occupation in November and the new Village Hall and Village Londis Store will open by late 2017.

The football pitches have been re-laid and will be ready for community use in the summer of 2017; the changing rooms will be built by late 2017. It is hoped that the cricket field will be ready for use next season with the pavilion being built by early 2018.

Construction of the Thakeham Pre-School will start in early 2017 and will be ready for pupils at the start of the school year in September 2017.

Meanwhile, villagers will have noticed that land has been cleared on the south-east corner of the Thakeham Mushrooms Farm next to Storrington Road where 20 shared ownership units will be built as part of the agreed development.

## Consultation on the next phase

### Drop-in public exhibition – come and find out more

We are holding a drop-in public exhibition followed by a public Question & Answer meeting chaired by Thakeham Parish Council on Saturday 12th November. Everyone is welcome and we hope as many villagers can attend, meet the team and give their views on the plans for the next stage.

We will also be organising tours of the development site on that day.

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Saturday 12th November  
from 10am-2pm  
at Thakeham Village Hall

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Photo of completed house



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Aerial computer-generated image of Phase 1 overlooking cricket field and football pitches



## Current plans for Phase 2

Phase 2 of the development was originally planned for the Village Hall and Village shop and 51 large chalets and bungalows homes for the over-55s. However in consultation with the Parish Council, it is felt that three and four bedroomed houses for younger people and families would be more appropriate than a retirement community in this location; local estate agents have also advised that there is a greater local demand for such family homes.

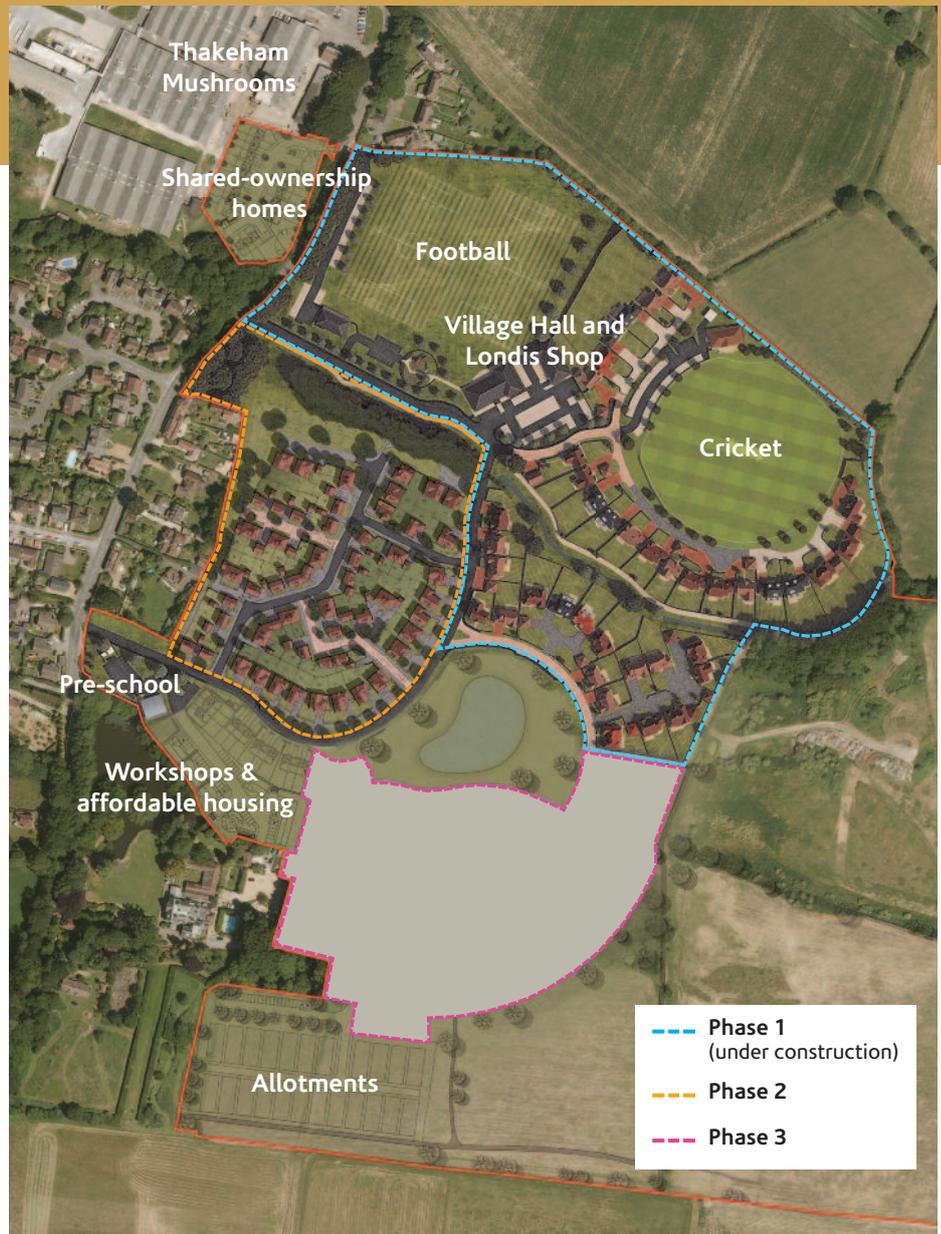
With the release of the Phase 2 land previously allocated for the Village Hall and shop and the removal of the retirement community, Phase 2 could accommodate 62 smaller homes on the same area, which would help to meet the local demand for family housing.

We'll also be consulting on outline housing plans for the third and final phase of the Abingworth Homes development. So come along to the exhibition and give us your comments.

With Phases 2 and 3 will come additional community benefits over and above the new Village Hall, Londis shop and Pre-School that have already been agreed. A number of options are being considered, including a priority for the Parish Council for a safe walking and cycle route from the village down to Rydon College to where the new Thakeham First School will move in 2017.



Computer-generated image of cricket pavilion



Abingworth Homes site plan showing Phase 1 and planned Phases 2 and 3

We are also looking at improving the Public Rights of Way to the west towards West Chiltington and beyond.

Are these ideas that you think should be considered?

Our drop-in public exhibition will explore these and other ideas in more detail and your feedback will help shape the next phase.

We are also updating the website [www.abingworth-homes.co.uk](http://www.abingworth-homes.co.uk) so if you're unable to attend the events on 12th November, you can still see the display boards and make your views known.




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