

# YORKE DRIVE FOCUS

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## Hello and welcome to your Yorke Drive Focus newsletter

This newsletter, published by Newark and Sherwood District Council, is for all residents of the Yorke Drive estate to keep you up to date on the proposed regeneration. In this issue:



- Introducing our development partner
- An opportunity to 'Meet the Developer' virtually
- Fly-tipping: 'Not in Newark and Sherwood'
- An update on the 'Housing Needs Assessment'
- Responses to your questions

## Council has first socially distanced meeting with Development Partner

On 18 June we held the first meeting with our development partner, Compendium Living. During the meeting we discussed how Compendium's proposal will be turned into a design we can share with residents, a timeline for site investigations and the detailed planning application to be submitted later this year. There was a great energy around the table and everyone is keen to keep making progress whilst ensuring we remain compliant with COVID-19 regulations and guidelines.



## Yorke Drive Residents - 'Virtual' Meet the Developer - 9th July 2020

While it is not possible for us to hold a face-to-face 'Meet the Developer' event at the Bridge Community Centre as we had originally planned, we are instead excited to invite you to a virtual meeting on Facebook Live.

**When:** Thursday 9 July at 2pm

**Where:** Yorke Drive Focus Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/YorkeDriveFocus/>

**What:** Staff from the Council and Compendium Living will be online to present an overview of the project to date, discuss the approach to the development and share opportunities for residents to get involved.

**Have a question for us?** Please submit these in advance by emailing [yorkedrive@nsdc.info](mailto:yorkedrive@nsdc.info) or call 01636 655 462. If you tune in live you can also submit your questions during the broadcast.

For those who do not have access to Facebook, do not worry. You can still contact us with any questions you may have and we will provide a summary of the meeting in the next edition of the newsletter. We also hope to host some face-to-face sessions

later in the year but this will be dependent on the latest COVID-19 guidelines.





## Help us keep Yorke Drive clean, safe and green!

We have been made aware of a fly-tipping incident on the estate. Please help us in keeping Yorke Drive cleaner, safer and greener by reporting any suspicious activity. If you choose to use an independent waste contractor to remove rubbish, make sure that the contractor is registered with the Environment Agency as a licensed carrier. Those with a license will have a credit card style licence or certificate with them and you should ask to see this before asking them to help. If you use an unlicensed carrier, you run the risk of a fine or prosecution yourself if they fly-tip the rubbish.

We have arranged for our Community Protection Officers and Tenancy Officers to do some additional checks on the estate and we will support residents by prosecuting anyone found guilty of fly-tipping in the community.



## Housing Needs Assessment

The housing needs assessments are continuing. Unfortunately we still do not have contact details for every remaining household and we are unable to make non-essential visits until further notice. If you have not yet been contacted to complete an assessment, please send a preferred contact number to [yorkedrive@nsdc.info](mailto:yorkedrive@nsdc.info) to ensure the information we hold for you is correct.

Alternatively you can call Cara Clarkson, Regeneration and Growth Lead to complete an assessment over the phone on 01636 655 923. The assessments are to make sure we build the right type of housing to meet your needs including number of bedrooms and whether you need any specific adaptations.

## You asked.....

**When will construction work start?**

We expect to start construction on the first phase of the development by late Summer 2021. This will include the new sports pavilion, play area and the first new homes.

**What plans are there to engage with residents on the final designs for the estate and houses while remaining compliant with COVID-19 guidelines?**

The Covid-19 pandemic has meant we cannot talk to residents face-to-face, however the commitment to involving residents in decision making has not changed. We will continue to communicate with you through this newsletter, through Facebook and by post or telephone. Depending on COVID-19 guidelines at the time, we hope to host face-to-face meetings for residents with the developer in September and November. In the meantime we hope you will be able to join us on Facebook on 9 July at 2pm for the virtual meeting.

**Is all necessary funding in place to deliver the project?**

The Council has approved its contribution to the project and we are working with Homes England to secure the necessary grant funding for the project. The Government has confirmed that there will be £12bn available through the Affordable Homes Programme for new affordable homes for ownership and rent and we are hoping to secure a share of this as soon as possible.

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