

CASE STUDY

Regeneration Housing

North Town Renewal Project

Location: North Town, Aldershot

Cost: £100 million

Completion Date: 2017

Design Team: Ken Scaddan Architects



Scope of Project:

■ My North Town's aim is to strengthen the existing community of 500 homes and provide buildings suitable for the next generation: Comfortable, economical, eco-friendly homes in a mix of housing styles with courtyard communities and gardens. It is hoped the redevelopment of homes and local commercial premises will enhance the existing sense of community in North Town and that the area will be a safer, more attractive environment better suited to the needs of all sections of the community following the regeneration.

Key Features:

- The project will transform the estate over a period of seven years and will involve new building to replace the existing blocks of flats and retail units. All of the current homes for rent will be replaced with new homes for affordable rent or for shared ownership. It is hoped that any later phases will provide some private ownership homes.
- The redevelopment will include a renewal of the existing sheltered scheme, Alma House and the North Town Community Base. Both of these facilities will be moved to temporary accommodation so disruption to essential community services is minimal.

- Extensive consultation with local residents and stakeholders was undertaken throughout 2009 including drop-in sessions, exhibitions and one-to-one interviews with residents to involve those affected in the design and development of the plans.
- The development contractor has yet to be appointed. First Wessex is currently short listing the contractors who have responded to the tender and the newly formed My North Town Residents' Consultative Group will be invited to participate in the selection process. The appointment will take place at the end of March 2010.
- The first phase of the development (*157 homes*) will begin in Spring 2010.
- Funding for complete replacement of the existing 500 homes, with the potential to develop a further 200 homes in future phases (subject to further planning applications) is available from three sources: HCA grants, private sector finance and First Wessex resources.