MINDENHURST



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Welcome to our new monthly construction update newsletter, in which we will keep you up to date with the latest news from Mindenhurst.

Construction Update

Skanska is committed to helping the communities in which we work and minimising any impacts of our construction work. We want to ensure that you receive regular works updates and have a direct, on-site point of contact for any concerns or queries you have.

As we begin to move into spring and COVID-19 restrictions are beginning to ease we hope, like us, you are looking forward to spending more time outdoors with family and friends.

Construction Update

1 Ground remediation work will begin on the local areas for play (LAPS), Green Swathe and the southern sustainable drainage systems (SuDS).

We will carry out the safe removal and disposal of contaminated material.

- **1a** The LAP is within the Central Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG). There will be a slight increase of construction vehicles in this area but current access to the Central SANG will not be affected.
- **1b** The Green Swathe is located between the two current CALA homes development sites and extends from the Village Green down to the Frimley Lock path. Access to the site will be via the Frimley Lock path which means an increase in the number of construction vehicles using the path to gain access to the site. Machinery will be operating Monday-Friday, between 8am to 5pm.
- **1c** The Southern SUDS is situated in the area of woodland between the Frimley Lock path and the Basingstoke Canal. Access to the site will be the same as the Green Swathe site detailed above.

2 The Mindenhurst team will be moving into their new project office in the former Premier shop building. The existing office located next to Mindenhurst Primary School will be removed.

3 Trenching works will continue from Deepcut Bridge Road, along Minorca Road, and in front of the cricket pitch site. This is for the installation of a water main to feed the residential houses and further developments



in this area. This will mean that during May there will be some traffic management measures in place along Minorca Road, which will include traffic lights and signage.

4 We will start trenching works along Blackdown Road, from the Sergeants Mess access on Blackdown Road, to Deepcut Bridge Road/North Access Roundabout. This trench will be tight to the kerb on the housing side of the carriageway and is necessary for the installation of electrical cables to Substation 14 which will provide power to the local area.

5 Maintenance works, will be ongoing in the Central SANG. This will involve construction machinery operating in this area and will limit access to part of the SANG while work takes place. The majority of the Central SANG route will remain open for pedestrians.

Grow Your Own Sunflower

Everyone is invited to drop by our sunflower planting event on Thursday 13th May, 2pm - 5pm. It will be held at the green next to the Deepcut Village Community Centre on Swordsman's Road. We will have everything you need to plant your own sunflower which you can take home or leave with us to add to our new office garden. Why not bring your children, grandchildren, or encourage your neighbours along, and you can see whose plant grows the highest?

For more information visit our website: **mindenhurst.co.uk/whats-on/**



Ecology – Bat Barn

We have recently completed the construction of a bat barn to re-home a group of brown long-eared bats. The bats were identified in one of the buildings and extensive surveys were carried out over a number of years to understand their population and behaviour.

Re-homing these bats has been necessary due to future construction activities that would disrupt them. We have therefore constructed a bat barn which is a timber building specifically designed to host this species of bats. This mitigation is being carried out under licence granted by Natural England.

The Brown Long-Eared Bat is a protected species in the UK and they are most commonly seen around April to October. As with all bats that live in the UK, they are nocturnal, but you might spot them at dusk when they come out to feed on midges and moths.

Further information can be found at: **mindenhurst.co.uk/whats-on/**

Sign-up to e-newsletter

In addition to this new regular construction newsletter, we also distribute an e-newsletter to subscribers that provides updates on any changes to the construction programme, including unexpected road closures.

Signing up to this e-newsletter means you will receive the latest news quicker, and a digital copy of our regular construction newsletters.

Please visit our website **mindenhurst.co.uk/** get-in-touch to subscribe today!





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