

Progress continues at Purfleet-on-Thames



Really good progress has been made to date on Phase 1A of our £1bn regeneration scheme which will make Purfleet-on-Thames an even better place to live, work, visit and invest.

This first phase will bring 61 new spacious two, three and four bedroom homes, a new children's play area and an orchard walk to the Hollow Woods area of Purfleet-on-Thames. It will also create access from this residential area to the train station, which will undergo major improvements as part of the project.

Keltbray, our construction partner, has been working hard on site and to date:

- has completed the installation of sheet piling (rigs and crane have now left site)
- has installed site hoarding
- has imported general fill material and crush to bring the plots to level
- has installed Armco barriers and handrails next to number 6 Botany Way.

The next steps...

Preparation for the handover of the site from the ground remediation team to the residential construction team has started. We expect house building construction activities to start in summer 2021. The first steps will be to install the internal roads, infrastructure and footings for the houses.

The scheme is about much more than homes. It will create a new town centre for current and future residents.

Find out more on page two.

If you are interested in buying one of these new homes and would like more information, email purfleet@nuliving.co.uk



Awards shortlist!

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We are proud to tell you that the scheme was shortlisted for a Planning Award 2021 in the Award for Regeneration category.

While we weren't this year's winner, being shortlisted for such a prestigious award highlights the hard work that the Purfleet-on-Thames community has done in creating a new vision for Purfleet-on-Thames.

Sir Tim Laurence, Chair of PCRL said: **"PCRL is delighted to have been shortlisted for a Planning Award for its £1bn regeneration of Purfleet-on-Thames that will improve the economic and social wellbeing of its community, creating a place where everyone can thrive - now and for generations to come."**

We would like to thank everyone who has been involved in helping to design the scheme so far - we couldn't have done it - and we can't do it - without you!

Town Centre Regeneration plans

The regeneration will transform Purfleet-on-Thames into a lively riverfront destination with new homes, green spaces, shops, restaurants and commercial spaces for residents and visitors alike to enjoy.



New town centre with a variety of shops, cafes and restaurants for the local community and visitors to enjoy.



New railway station facilities and bridge crossing, replacing the current level crossing.



New primary School which will increase the provision of school places for the growing Purfleet-on-Thames community.



New integrated medical centre to serve the existing and new community.



New town square to create a beating cultural and civic heart, with accessible public services and amenities, including a community centre.



One million sq ft of new television and film studios and a higher/further education campus with a focus on the creative arts to complement the existing High House Production Park.



New public promenade with 1km of riverfront walk and a cycle path for recreational activities.



Approx. **2,000** jobs created by the time the regeneration is complete.



56,000 trees planted throughout the development, creating a greener Purfleet-on-Thames That's almost six trees planted per new resident!

Latest infrastructure proposals

PCRL hosted an online Community Webinar on Tuesday 4 May to share the proposals for infrastructure within the regeneration scheme with residents, business owners and interested parties.

These included changes to the London Road and Bridge and the railway station. These proposals had already been carefully reviewed by the Purfleet-on-Thames Community Design Panel during consultation events in April.

Almost 50 people joined the Webinar and asked important questions around cycle lanes (which will be interconnecting throughout the regeneration plans), build timelines and more.

If you weren't able to join us, you can still download the full Webinar slides from [OurPurfleet.com](https://www.ourpurfleet.com)

£75m Housing Infrastructure Funding

Did you know Purfleet-on-Thames is receiving £75m Housing Infrastructure Funding from the Government?

This money, which has been awarded to Thurrock Council on behalf of PCRL, will be used to upgrade the railway station and undertake ground preparation and road infrastructure works including replacing the existing level crossing with a bridge.



A Creative Estuary

Creative entrepreneurs set to benefit from more than 90 maker studios in Thurrock

High House Production Park and Second Floor Studios CIC have signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding to develop high quality and affordable maker workspace at the flagship Purfleet-on-Thames location.

Proposals could see more than 90 purpose-built studios for new creative production entrepreneurs as well as those who are relocating to Thurrock. The innovative and sustainable building will complement existing activity at the world-class centre of excellence for creative production that is already home to the Royal Opera House Production Workshop and

Costume Centre, and the Backstage Centre production facility.

The project is part of the work of Creative Estuary that seeks to identify innovative ways to provide more sustainable and affordable spaces for cultural production in South Essex and North Kent. This type of new creative space is exactly what the Purfleet-on-Thames project aims to achieve too.

Creative Estuary is funded through the Cultural Development Fund from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and was one of only five places in England to be awarded this investment in 2019.

Read the full story at OurPurfleet.com

Ken Dytor, Director and Founder of PCRL, is a member of Creative Estuary. Ken spoke at their recent event on Wednesday 9 June, sharing PCRL's vision for Purfleet-on-Thames to become a world-class creative hub, with 300 representatives from organisations across South Essex, Kent and London. PCRL will continue to work closely with, and support the work of, Creative Estuary.

T100 Dreaming



PCRL was proud to support the return of the annual T100 walking, talking and making festival, which includes a guided walk in Purfleet-on-Thames, again this year.

Now in its seventh year, T100 always has an inspiring theme for its walks and artworks. This year as a partner in Kinetika's ambitious regional project, Beach of Dreams, the theme was 'dreaming'. This invited communities to re-imagine a better future as the country emerges into a post-Covid-19 world and celebrate the sense of community spirit that the pandemic has heightened.

The festival launched in June with four new walks, including one in Purfleet-on-Thames. Ding, our Commercial Manager, who also sits on the board of Kinetika, attended the RSPB Rainham Circular Walk on Sunday 13 June.

Ding explored the award-winning bird sanctuary at Rainham marshes with the group, reflecting on dreams for a more sustainable community. The event continued to the High House Production Park in the afternoon, where the group met the Purfleet-on-Thames community through the sharing of stories, recipes and music. Together, people captured



their dream for a sustainable community by creating a recipe for Purfleet-on-Thames.

The main programme of walks ran from 26 July until 1 August and it was great to see so many people out and about, attending the various walks - especially the Purfleet-on-Thames walk through three of the Chafford Gorges, which provided an opportunity to meet local chefs and growers.

Check out some more photos from the events on Instagram: www.instagram.com/kinetikapeople

In it to win it!

It has been great to enjoy some sunshine these last few weeks – it has certainly got us in the summer mood. To celebrate, we are giving you the opportunity to win two great prizes:

1. A £150 B&Q voucher
2. A four-person picnic hamper with glasses, plates, cutlery and removable cool bag

1. Thames
2. Creative
3. Boat
4. Military
5. Kinetika
6. John Newton
7. Mammoths
8. Dracula

All you have to do is complete the Purfleet-on-Thames-past-and-present-themed word search below and send us your entry via FREEPOST RT SX-ZGYT-BYEY, Pilgrim House, High Street, Billericay, Essex, CM12 9XY. The closing date is Friday 27 August 2021.

All correct entries will be entered into a prize draw. Prizes will be distributed by the end of August 2021. Terms and Conditions apply; visit [OurPurfleet.com](https://www.ourpurfleet.com)

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£150 **B&Q**



Congratulations to our Communications Manager, Laura Harrison (now Clayton!) who got married on Wednesday 9 June.

Join the Community Design Panel

Together with the Purfleet-on-Thames Community Forum, we set up the Design Panel to help shape the development. Chaired by John Rowles, the Design panel works collectively

with PCRL to identify locally important issues, contribute local knowledge and provide a forum to test emerging plans.

If you would like to get involved with the Design Panel, email John Rowles at purfleetourcentre@gmail.com

Find out more and get in touch at [OurPurfleet.com](https://www.ourpurfleet.com)

Join the conversation on social media using [#OurPurfleet](https://twitter.com/OurPurfleet)



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