

The Temple Avenue Project (TAP)



INTRODUCTION

The Temple Avenue Project (TAP) is a combination of two new dwellings at the end of Temple Avenue, and, in response to local residents' suggestions, now includes works to an existing Temple Avenue property. The scheme is proceeding separately to Derwenthorpe, although one of its objectives is to help determine the most appropriate construction method for both the first phase of the Derwenthorpe development and to influence other new-build schemes in the region that are seeking to achieve high environmental standards. Other key TAP objectives include:

- to help in the development of standards for meeting the housing needs of families with disabled children;
- to upgrade an existing home to achieve high environmental standards – through a transparent process, costed stage by stage for local people and others to evaluate its relevance



Below are some answers to key questions that you might have about the project.

When will the work start and how long will it take?

We intend to start the works before the 29 June 2009 and hope to complete construction within a period of approximately six months – with subsequent testing occurring over the winter months. Our contractors will also be writing to you with the start date.

Who is undertaking the work?

The work will be undertaken by our contractors – STRATA. They will be writing to you concerning the work that will be undertaken providing a contact number and keeping you up to date with progress.

Will I be able to access the field during the construction and after completion?

Yes you will. The building work will need to be undertaken within a secure compound site area. A temporary access for pedestrians will be created until the works are completed in their entirety, whereupon a fence, similar to that currently at the end of Temple Avenue, will be replaced in a new boundary position.

How much traffic will be generated?

There are only two dwellings being built, so the level of traffic will be minimal (STRATA will supply more details in advance). All contractors and delivery vehicles are required to park within the construction site compound – not on Temple Avenue.

Are there time restrictions on when the work will take place?

Yes – the work will take place between 8.00am and 6.00pm on Mondays to Fridays and possibly 9.00am to 1.00pm Saturday.

How can you build these two houses before you have bought the land from the City of York Council (CoYC)?

We will progress the works under a licence from the City of York Council, specific to the building of these houses.

Why are you building on the Derwenthorpe site when the EU issue is not resolved?

We understand that the EU is still looking into the sale of the land at Derwenthorpe, but these conversations are happening between the UK Government and the EU, so we are unable to comment further on the issue. We do have specific planning and separate permission for the two dwellings and as stated above will be building under licence from the City of York Council.

When will the new properties be occupied?

The properties will not be initially occupied when completed, as part of the project is to undertake environmental tests over the winter. We aim for a family with specific needs to move in to one of the homes at the appropriate time as part of the families with disabled children evaluation.

Why don't you wait until the EU issue is resolved before building these two properties?

It is crucial that the prototypes are at a specific stage of construction by early winter 2009 – this is because we need to undertake testing, which will be conducted by Leeds Metropolitan University, in the more variable conditions that winter provides. Further delay in building these properties will therefore postpone testing and affect a number of the objectives we have for TAP.

Who do I contact for more information?

STRATA will be responsible for activities on site; you can contact Keith Willert, Project Manager Tel 07824 413589. If STRATA are unable to resolve your queries please contact JRHT's Project Manager, Paul Marshall, on his direct number 01904 752907 email paul.marshall@jrf.org.uk or JRHT on 01904 750404.

