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Dear Resident

Proposed development at Blackfriars, Battle

Following the resolution to grant Outline Planning permission received in December 2019 Rother District Council is continuing to develop its proposals for Blackfriars, Battle. The design of this scheme builds on the Outline application which secured a new road running through the site and up to 220 new homes.

A project team, including architects BE Design, ecologists The Ecology Consultancy, and engineers GTA Civils has been assembled to design a scheme which responds to the site's landscape and respects the ecology of the site. Sustainability is at the heart of our proposals, which aim to deliver up to 200 environmentally friendly homes, including 35% affordable housing for local people, to be delivered by Alliance Homes (Rother) Limited, the council's newly incorporated housing company. All new homes will be designed to significantly reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions, whilst minimising energy costs for residents. We will be including several innovative solutions including Passivhaus and earth sheltered housing to deliver a flagship scheme that is future-proofed for the transition to Zero Carbon, whilst respecting local heritage and landscape.

The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic makes it impossible for us to hold an exhibition to present our proposals and allow you to discuss the project with members of the team. We have recently given a presentation outlining our proposal to District and Town Councillors, which was recorded and available to view here: www.rother.gov.uk/blackfriars/design along with further information on the scheme. Hard copies of the presentation slides are available on request by telephoning 01424 787000. Should you have any comments on the presentation or the proposals, please email consultations@rother.gov.uk

Please sign up to MyAlerts at <https://www.rother.gov.uk/my-alerts/> if you would like to be kept informed on the progress of this project, including the submission of any Planning Application. There will be a formal consultation once any Planning Application is submitted in which your views will be considered by the Planning service.

Yours sincerely

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