

# News

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## Final Phase at Chatham Place begins

A groundbreaking ceremony has been held in Reading to mark the start of construction at the final phase of development at Chatham Place.

Muse projects director, Robert Poole and development manager Thomasin Renshaw, were joined by Lead Councillor for Planning and Regeneration, Tony Page and Councillor Bet Tickner Councillor for Abbey Ward, in a ceremony to mark the start on site.

The £100 million Chatham Place scheme is being developed by Muse Developments in partnership with Reading Borough Council at the western end of the town centre. The regeneration of this part of the town centre is a major part of the Council's 'Reading City 2020' vision.

This final phase will comprise of 184 one, two and three bed apartments split over two buildings of nine and 19 storeys, with ground floor retail opportunities and a public urban garden.

Robert Poole for Muse Developments commented: "This final phase of development completes 10 years of work at Chatham Place, which has already made its mark on Reading; providing much needed car park provisions, private and affordable homes, substantial public open spaces and retail and leisure facilities.

We have thoroughly enjoyed delivering this great scheme with Reading Borough Council and look forward to seeing the project completed".

Cllr Tony Page, Lead Councillor for Regeneration, Planning and Transport at Reading Borough Council said: "I am very pleased that, against the backcloth of economic recession and a depressed construction market, this phase of the Chatham Place redevelopment is finally underway. The design of the approved scheme means that the Council's ultimate aspirations for still wider redevelopment and decking over of the IDR can be delivered, once better economic times have arrived."

The construction work is being carried out by Galliford Try - one of the country's leading house building and construction companies, and is due to be completed before Christmas 2014.

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