Keeping in touch with you

Throughout the project, our newsletters will contain progress updates and useful information during the construction process.

Head to our dedicated project website for further details on Foundry Lea which will be updated as the project takes shape.

You can also get in touch at:

- Telephone: 0800 130 3270
- Email: foundrylea@JBP.co.uk
- Find out more at foundrylea.co.uk







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Welcome to the Foundry Lea newsletter

FOUNDRY LEA

We are excited to share news of the progress being made at Foundry Lea, a new, sustainable neighbourhood being created by leading housebuilders Barratt David Wilson Homes and Countryside Partnerships as a natural extension to Bridport.

Now that we have secured Reserved Matters approval from Dorset Council, construction will start in the coming months. The development of this new community over the next six years will embrace local skills, bring social and economic benefits to the area, and make positive and lasting ecological improvements.

We plan to begin preparatory work onsite in Summer/ Autumn 2023, with the first residents moving into their new homes in Spring/Summer 2025.

This is the first of what will become a quarterly newsletter. Throughout the construction process, we will keep you informed of our progress and share other useful information about the project.

We hope you enjoy learning more about our exciting plans for this new community.

Andrew Spicer, Managing Director – Barratt David Wilson Homes Exeter

Peter Sadler, Managing Director – Countryside Partnerships South West

In this newsletter, you can learn about:

1. Our plans for Foundry Lea
2. The project timeline
3. What to expect
4. How we are keeping in touch

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Our plans for Foundry Lea

Foundry Lea will be a new, sustainable neighbourhood at Vearse Farm, on the western fringe of Bridport.

The vision is to deliver up to 760 homes, a primary school, employment space, local retail and community facilities and accessible open space.

Featuring a range of property styles and sizes, including terraced, semi-detached and detached, the development will help meet the current and future need for housing in the area. More than one-third of the homes built will be affordable, including several accessible and adaptable homes.

Green space and sustainability are paramount in the masterplan for Foundry Lea, with generous green infrastructure, dedicated wildlife areas, a network of pedestrian and cycle links, and the use of sustainably sourced and managed materials.

A boost to the local community

In agreement with Dorset Council, we have made a substantial commitment of over £6 million to support and upgrade community infrastructure and services through Section 106 funding. This will provide real benefits for the community, including a new local primary school, sports pitches, a care home and additional facilities at Bridport Medical Centre.

Supporting the local economy, Foundry Lea will use local suppliers, craftspeople and tradespeople in the delivery of the new community. We will be reaching out to tradespeople in the coming months, but if you would like to register your interest in working on the project, please get in touch at foundrylea@jbp.co.uk or call 0800 130 3270.

The development will also include a 'Skills Academy', an on-site learning environment for local people to develop practical skills in construction. Through this, we aim to tackle the UK's housing shortage by training the next generation of construction workers.

Foundry Lea represents one of the biggest economic boosts for Bridport in many years. We are committed to the community for the long-term and our investment will make a real difference for generations to come.



Project timeline

We are currently working to a timetable which will see preparatory works commence at Foundry Lea in Summer/Autumn 2023.

After initial site preparation, our first job will be moving earth and levelling the ground at the site as necessary to enable construction to begin. We will also start highways and drainage works at this stage.

By Summer 2024, we will be completing the foundations for the first Foundry Lea private homes and show homes. Spring/Summer 2025 will see the first homes being completed, and families moving into the new neighbourhood.

As the project develops, the timeline may shift depending on conditions onsite and factors outside our control. If our timeline does change, we will be in regular contact with you so that you know what to expect and to help mitigate disruption.

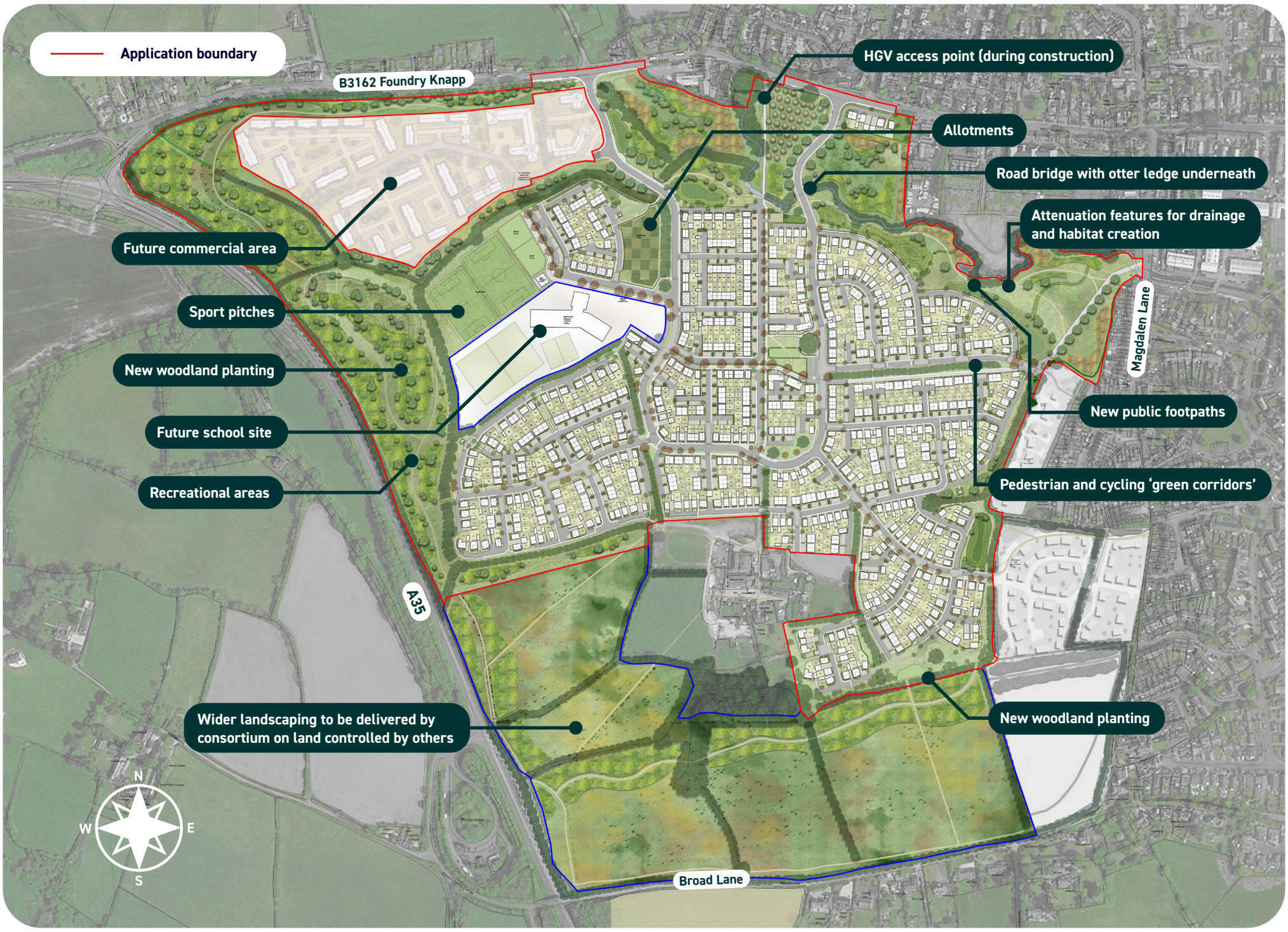
Summer/Autumn 2023
Prepatory work commencing on Foundry Lea

Summer 2024
Completing foundations for the first Foundry Lea homes

Spring/Summer 2025
First homes completed

2029/2030
Construction of new community complete





What to expect

Working with Dorset Council, we are finalising plans for how the construction process will be managed.

This means that soon we will be submitting our Construction and Environment Management Plan, which includes key details such as working hours, routes to site for work vehicles and how we will minimise the impact of construction where possible.

Road closures

To connect Foundry Lea with the essential utilities that are needed to power a new neighbourhood, we will be undertaking offsite works that will impact some of the surrounding roads.

The roads which will be affected are:

- **St Swithins Road**
- **Magdalen Lane**
- **West Road**

We are still establishing a programme with the utility provider for the dates and duration of these works, and we will share more information in the coming weeks and months to help you plan your travel while Foundry Lea is built.

What you will see

Preparatory work will begin in Summer/Autumn 2023. The first tasks you will see us undertaking on site during this time will be:

- Site clearance under strict ecological licenses
- Tree and hedge protection
- Investigating services (e.g. water), temporary services installation, and diversion of services
- Installation of safety fencing

In Winter 2023/2024, we will move onto initial earthworks and ground modelling. This is when we will also create two new site entrances, giving us both eastern and western access to the site.

Under current plans, HGVs and other construction traffic will come down the B3162 (West Road) to the existing farm track. However, we are exploring alternative routes for construction traffic to minimise disruption further.

Working hours

Under our current plans, construction will take place on site each week from Monday to Saturday, at the following times:

Monday to Friday: 7:30am to 5:30pm
Saturday: 8:30am to 1:00pm

Public rights of way

During construction we will create diversions for existing public rights of way across the site at Vearse Farm, to ensure the safety of the public and our team.

These diversions have been designed following several meetings and site visits with the Dorset Council Public Rights of Way team, presentations to the local working group and displays at our recent 'meet the builder' event. Notices were issued to encourage the public to engage with a consultation on the proposed routes which ended in August.

Diversions will be managed and updated as Foundry Lea develops.

Miles Cross

Our vision for Foundry Lea is of a neighbourhood with excellent connectivity to the local area. That's why, as part of our plans, we are supporting the construction of a new roundabout, Miles Cross, at the junction of the B3162 (West Road) and the A35 outside Bridport.

Following extensive engagement with Dorset Council and National Highways, we have recently submitted the proposal for the new roundabout for technical approval, with the below anticipated timetable:

- **Technical approval: expected Summer/Autumn 2023**
- **Works commence on site: Winter 2023**
- **Works complete: Winter 2024**

Reporting issues

To report any problems or issues relating to road access and the construction site, please email foundrylea@JBP.co.uk or call 0800 130 3270.