

Development case study:

# ROWNER, GOSPORT, HAMPSHIRE

The £145 million regeneration of part of the Rowner estate will greatly enhance what has been an exceptionally deprived area.

Taylor Wimpey is regenerating the Rowner estate in Gosport in partnership with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), Gosport Borough Council, Hampshire County Council and Portsmouth Housing Association (part of First Wessex).

The focus of the development is to transform the Rowner neighbourhood into an attractive and safe place to live as well as providing better access to new jobs.

We will be demolishing 500 run down, poor quality homes and replacing them with around 700 high quality, energy efficient homes, with at least 37% allocated for affordable housing. All homes will be built to Code for Sustainable Homes level three and will meet the HCA's building standards.

The Partnership has worked hard to make it possible for those who want to stay on the estate to do so. For those who do not, rehousing elsewhere in the borough will be offered. Owner occupiers will also have the opportunity to transfer their equity to a new home on the estate if they wish.

Over 18 months of detailed public consultation took place with residents, community groups and other stakeholders in order to develop a MasterPlan for the area. The well attended public consultation events included meetings, workshops, exhibitions and a design weekend. The Rowner Renewal Partnership will continue to work closely with local residents and community groups to deliver job opportunities and community benefits.

We have committed to provide a minimum of five construction apprenticeships for local residents. In addition, we will provide jobs in construction for local people through our contractors where possible and we will give local businesses the opportunity to tender for contracts on site.

Taylor Wimpey's skills and experience were particularly important in concluding the contract which has secured Tesco as the anchor tenant in the retail part of the scheme. This has added greatly to the financial viability of the project in these difficult times, has created the potential for over 200 additional local jobs and will help to make Rowner a destination for other residents of Gosport and neighbouring towns.

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Pre-regeneration



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