



St Modwen Properties

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ST MODWEN HEARS VIEWS OF LOCAL POLICE AND ENVIRONMENT AGENCY ON BOGNOR REGIS TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

In advance of signing its development agreement with Arun District Council, St Modwen has recently met with key individuals from the 'Secured by Design' team at Sussex Police and the Environment Agency to discuss various issues relating to their regeneration proposals for the two town centre sites in Bognor Regis, and in particular the seafront site.

'Secured by Design' is a U.K. wide initiative supporting the principle of 'designing out crime' by the use of effective crime prevention and security measures at every stage of the planning and building process. The meeting was attended by Chief Inspector Brian Bracher from Sussex Police, a Crime Prevention Officer from Sussex Police, Gary Morris, Development Surveyor at St Modwen and David Keirle from KSS Design Group (St Modwen's appointed masterplanners). The group met to discuss the key strategic issues that the Police currently face within the town and specifically within the two St Modwen development sites.

Gary Morris of St Modwen comments:

"Although consultation will be widespread after the signing of the development agreement with the Council, it was important for us to meet the Police and the 'Secured by Design' team early to understand the local crime and safety issues which may shape the future development of the masterplan. We are committed to ensuring that as the proposals are developed, all aspects of design will take in account local issues and concerns and actually seek to alleviate, rather than exacerbate them".

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"The local community will of course also have the opportunity to have their say on security and safety issues in relation to the development proposals, as part of the community wide consultation to be undertaken later on in the year".

St Modwen, KSS and Arun District Council also met with the Environment Agency to discuss how the potential for flooding and the impact of climate change on the coastline could affect parts of the development area in the future. This meeting considered the initial findings of a study into the risk of flooding on the western West Sussex coast, currently being undertaken by Arun District Council and Chichester District Council to be published in due course. St Modwen will be required to submit its own flood risk assessment to the Council within an Environmental Impact Assessment, in support of the planning application, which, it is anticipated, will be submitted in the summer of 2008.

St Modwen and Arun District Council will continue to meet with Sussex Police and the Environment Agency, as appropriate, throughout the design and consultation stages.

Richard McMann, The Bognor Regis Regeneration Task Force Co-ordinator comments:

"All parties recognise the need to begin these discussions as early as possible in the process and the Police and the EA are as keen and as committed as ourselves and our partners to ensure the best possible outcome from these, and other developments in Bognor Regis."

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