



### June 2019

#### Chesterfield

Major scheme planned on Chesterfield's Staveley works site A former Derbyshire steelworks is set to be transformed in a £100m development featuring 700 new homes, a school, marina and shops. Staveley Works development plan includes a marina on the Chesterfield canal Plans for the redevelopment of the former Staveley iron and steel works were drafted by Chatsworth Settlement Trustees, part of the Chatsworth Estate, which has owned the land since the 17th Century.



The proposed development amounts to one of the biggest regeneration projects in the Chesterfield area and will link the communities of Brimington, Hollingwood, Staveley and Barrow Hill. As well as new two, three and four-bed housing, redevelopment of the 100-acre brownfield site will include a primary school, a marina on the Chesterfield canal, retail and community facilities, a cycle and footpath network, and new wildlife habitats. Consultancy Lichfields prepared the environmental statement to support the planning application. The first homes are expected to be available in around five years' time while redevelopment is scheduled to last around ten years in total. During the building and infrastructure work, the development is expected to create around 200 construction jobs. Andrew Byrne, Chatsworth

Settlement Trustees Property Development Director, said: "Since closing as an industrial site, Chatsworth has been keen to put something back into the community by redeveloping Staveley Works in an attractive and creative way that provides modern housing, community facilities and jobs for people in the area."

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#### Leicestershire

Desford brick factory to be biggest in Europe Brick producer Forterra has secured planning consent for a £95m project to double production capacity at its Desford plant in Leicestershire. Forterra, previously Hanson Brick, said that the new facility would make Desford "the largest and most efficient brick factory in Europe". A new plant at Desford will be built alongside the current factory, which will maintain production until the changeover in 2022. Production capacity will increase from its current 85 million bricks per year to 180 million – which is enough to build 24,000 average-sized family homes. Company-wide brick production capacity will be increased by 16%. Chief executive Stephen Harrison said: "As one of Britain's biggest manufacturers of building products,



we endeavour to set the benchmark in terms of manufacturing efficiency, output and sustainability. "In keeping with our strategic focus on manufacturing excellence, our new facility's modern manufacturing methods will allow us to respond to our customers' increasing demand for products as the rate of

housebuilding continues to accelerate nationwide. We have every confidence that this project marks a sound, long-term investment in the future of both Forterra and UK housebuilding.”

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## Commonwealth Games



£60m Commonwealth Games pool approval. A £60m aquatic centre which will host events for the 2022 commonwealth Games has been given the final go-ahead. Wates are favourite to deliver the project and if confirmed would start work on the new Smethwick aquatic centre at a site in Londonderry Playing Fields this summer. Officials aim to open it in 2021 and say it will host all swimming and diving events in the Games. Gloucester-based architect Robert Limbrick has designed the new centre with Arup as structural and building services consultant The designs feature a 50m Olympic-sized competition swimming pool, a 25m diving pool and a studio pool along with 1,000 spectator seats The proposed centre – to be run by Sandwell Leisure Trust – will also have two activity studios, a 12-court sports hall, a 125-station gym, a 25- station women-only gym, an indoor cycling studio, a sauna/steam room and a café. The total £60m cost of building the new centre would be met by various organisations involved in delivering the Commonwealth Games 2022, including the Commonwealth Games Organising Committee, Sandwell Council and Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership

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**AGM and Dinner Dance is on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019, at the Wiltshire Hotel, Vastern, Royal Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire. SN4 7PB.**

**Fees are due, I draw your attention under the Rule 3 (C) and (D) Fees were due 1<sup>st</sup> January and to be paid in full by the 31<sup>st</sup> March if you have not paid please pay ASAP**

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## Staffordshire

GMI Construction Group has started construction of a 103,000 sq. ft distribution unit at St Modwen Park Burton. This is the third phase of construction at the one million sq. ft industrial and logistics site formerly known as Burton Gateway. The new speculative unit will include a 50-metre deep yard, 10 dock levellers (including two euro-docks) and grade A office space. Completion is expected in September 2019. St Modwen Park Burton, alongside the A38 in east Staffordshire, is already one of the largest warehouse developments in the Midlands, with more than 200,000 sq. ft of space.



St Modwen senior construction manager Steven Smith said: “We are pleased to have instructed GMI Construction Group on this latest phase. GMI is a well-respected construction company and we have great confidence in the team’s ability to deliver this quality unit.”

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