

# News

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## **Local residents welcome designs for the final phase at Chatham Place**

Design proposals for the second phase of development at Chatham Place, a £100m mixed-use scheme being developed by Muse in partnership with Reading Borough Council, were unveiled last week at a public exhibition.

The proposals, which complete the Chatham Place development, are for two further residential buildings of 9 and 19 storeys with ground floor retail and a public urban garden, as well as improvements to highways, pedestrian linkages and the landscaping of the Chatham Street roundabout.

The exhibition was hosted by Thomasin Renshaw and Robert Poole from Muse alongside representatives from architects John McAslan & Partners and planning advisors Broadway Malyan Planning. A total of 162 local residents and interested parties attended. Local residents welcomed the opportunity to view proposals for the emerging scheme and discuss their views with the design team.

Said Thomasin Renshaw, development manager at Muse: "We are pleased with the positive feedback we received on our proposals for the second phase of Chatham Place. We will be taking on board comments made in relation to the urban garden and off-site improvements and, prompted by an overwhelming response from residents to progress with the works quickly, we will be working towards submitting a planning application this spring."

The first phase of the Chatham Place development was completed in 2009. This included a multi-storey public car park, 96 affordable homes, 211 private apartments, substantial public open spaces and 10,000 sq ft of retail/ leisure space. This mix of uses has created a lively new destination for local people and visitors alike and has transformed the former Chatham Street Car Park site and surroundings into a much sought after residential quarter of the town centre.

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