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Planning consent for Chatham Place phase 2

Muse Developments has secured detailed planning permission for phase 2 of its Chatham Place scheme, which is being delivered in partnership with Reading Borough Council.

The proposals, which complete the £100m mixed-use 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.

Commenting on the decision Thomasin Renshaw, development manager at Muse Developments said: "We are very pleased to be granted planning approval for the second phase of our Chatham Place scheme. This is the result of a huge amount of hard work on the part of Reading Borough Council, Muse and our development team to arrive at the best possible scheme. We can now look forward to a start on site in 2013 and building on the success of the first phase of development."

Tony Page, Reading Borough Council's lead member for Regeneration, Planning and Transport, said: "Many Reading residents will remember the Chatham Place site just a few years ago when it was occupied by a large, unsightly 1960s concrete car park. The transformation since then has brought real benefits to the western side of the town centre and Phase 2 of the works and the associated landscaping of the area will build on the great progress made so far. "

Planning consent for phase 2 of the scheme follows a public consultation held earlier this year in which a total of 162 local residents and interested parties took the opportunity to give their feedback on the design proposals for the scheme.

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 already delivered 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.

Phase 2 is targeted to start on site in spring 2013.