

# News

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## **Waterside places to partner with Slough Urban Renewal at Stoke Wharf**

Slough Urban Renewal (SUR), the partnership between Slough Borough Council and Morgan Sindall Investments, is a step closer to realising the council's long-held ambition to bring forward plans for the redevelopment of Stoke Wharf – the terminus of the Slough arm of the Grand Union Canal.

For decades the canal has been hidden behind the Travis Perkins builder's yard on Stoke Road, neglected until its recent clean up by the Canal & River Trust. Following a period of land assembly, SUR is now pleased to announce it has formalised plans to work in partnership with specialist waterside developer, Waterside Places – a joint venture between national urban regeneration specialist, Muse Developments, and the Canal & River Trust. Together, they will deliver the complete regeneration of this area. Works will involve the comprehensive redevelopment and refurbishment of the Stoke Wharf area, including the canal and towpath and part of Bowyer Field, which is owned by the council.

As part of SUR's work to create new high-quality homes in the borough, over 200 apartments and 40 houses are planned on the site. The homes will be surrounded by extensive public open space in the reinvigorated park and alongside the canal. SUR also plans to deliver a shop, café and community hub overlooking the canal.

Andy Howell, general manager of SUR, said: "Working with Waterside Places we hope to transform this location by providing a range of high-quality new homes set within large areas of open space and public realm. Our proposals will create a community, enhance the public space and improve access to the waterway to encourage new activity in this area."

Mike Auger, director at Waterside Places, said: "We're delighted to be joining together with SUR and look forward to working closely with them to deliver transformational regeneration at Stoke Wharf."

"Our primary focus is to deliver a high-quality, urban waterfront scheme that will create a vibrant, diverse new community in Slough, while unlocking this area of the Grand Union Canal for more people to enjoy."

SUR will be developing its proposals in 2019 and this will include a public consultation as part of the planning process.