

**Media release on behalf of Porters Place Southend-on-Sea
LLP**

Ground investigation works to begin for Better Queensway redevelopment

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[Following the recent approval at Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's development control committee, ground work investigations for the Better Queensway redevelopment will start next week.](#)

Boreholes are being drilled in several locations across the Queensway estate to look at the make-up of the soil so the correct foundations can be put in place for any future building work.

As part of this work, the temporary Essex Street car park will be closed for four weeks from Monday 19th April, with machinery arriving on-site on the same day. Work will take place during normal working hours between 8am and 6pm.

There will also be off-peak lane closures on Queensway from 20th to 28th April (9.30am to 3.30pm), and some pedestrian pathways and crossings will be diverted whilst the work is being carried out.

Geoff Pearce, Chair of the Porters Place Southend-on-Sea LLP Board and Deputy Chief Executive of Swan Housing Association, said: *"Getting this work underway is a significant milestone for the project. These preparatory works are important for the scheme as these homes will be built to stand the test of time, so we need to get the foundations right.*

"While we appreciate there might be some minor disruption and noise due to the drilling, it is important we get this work done so we can build a brilliant new Queensway, and we would like to thank residents on the estate and in the wider community for their patience and cooperation while this work takes place."

All work will be in line with the most recent Coronavirus (COVID-19) safe working practices, as outlined by the Government.

Residents on and nearby the Queensway estate have been sent a letter regarding the works. To find out more about the project visit www.betterqueensway.co.uk

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[Porters Place Southend-on-Sea LLP is a 50/50 joint venture partnership between Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and Swan Housing Association and set up specifically to deliver the Better Queensway regeneration.](#)

The 'hybrid' planning application establishes the principle of regenerating the area and the overall masterplan, as well as the details of the highway changes.

Over the lifetime of the project, Porters Place LLP will submit a number of further planning applications for the various phases of development. All the planning applications will be determined by the Councils' Development Control Committee.

The £500m planned regeneration will transform the Queensway area of central Southend by replacing aging tower blocks with high-quality new homes, as well as new commercial units and attractive public spaces. It will also create a new park and a revitalised entrance to Southend-on-Sea from the nearby Southend Victoria station.

About Swan Housing Association

For over 25 years Swan Housing Association has provided high-quality affordable homes, creating thriving communities for those who need it most. Primarily operating across East London and Essex, Swan manages over 11,000 homes with a secure development pipeline of over 8,000 homes. Through its in-house developer NU living, Swan builds new homes and regenerates communities using both traditional and offsite construction methods, precision engineering its own modular homes that are environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.

Swan delivers a full range of housing services, in partnership with local authorities, supporting those who need it most. Including award winning care services, accredited foyers and dedicated housing teams who are passionate about delivering our social purpose.

Profits generated by Swan's commercial activity are reinvested by Swan to provide regenerated neighbourhoods, investment in communities and the delivery of more homes for social rent, shared ownership and sale, driven by their belief that everyone deserves to have somewhere to feel at home.

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