Home sweet home!
Tenants move into first of 108 council homes  First large-scale development for 50 years

Tenants are now enjoying life at Bader Close.

**The Mayor of Ipswich, Bill Quinton,** welcomed five families to the Borough Council’s latest council house development in the south east of the town.

Work is continuing to complete the other 103 homes, which will be occupied this year. The Council is committed to building council homes and hundreds more are planned over the next few years.

**The Mayor and Mayoress, Council Leader David Ellesmere,** representatives from construction company Keepmoat and local Councillors are pictured with one of the new tenants.

Half-term fun at Museum and Mansion
There are plenty of half-term activities at Ipswich Museum and Christchurch Mansion, so go along and make learning fun!

There are PRINTING WORKSHOPS at the Mansion on 19th and 20th February and a chance to “meet” the famous artist JOHN CONSTABLE on 20th February. Kids can also go along to make MOTHER’S DAY GIFTS on 7th March.

Over at the Museum in High Street from 17th to 19th February there are ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS sessions and on 17th February ANIMAL YOGA.

At the Art School Gallery next door there is a FAMILY ART ROOM workshop on 18th February.

Find out more at [www.ipswich.gov.uk/museums](http://www.ipswich.gov.uk/museums)
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Have your say on Ipswich’s latest planning blueprint

A further round of public consultation is under way on the new Local Plan for Ipswich.

The Local Plan will set the framework for how Ipswich is set to develop in the future – so if you want to find out more about proposed sites for housing and employment, as well as plans to protect and enhance Ipswich’s assets, this is your opportunity.

The Local Plan is made up of two documents – the Core Strategy and Site Allocations.

The Borough Council has doubled the length of the usual consultation period to 12 weeks as it wants to gather as many opinions as possible on the documents, which will help to determine how future planning applications are dealt with.

Consultation on draft versions of the two plans took place earlier this year but the Council has now reached the “proposed submission stage”, which means these are the draft versions of the Core Strategy and Site Allocations documents it wishes to consult on.

Councillor Carole Jones, the Council’s Portfolio Holder for Planning, said: “These documents are key to shaping the future of Ipswich and will guide and support economic growth while also protecting and enhancing the town’s important assets. This consultation is an important stage in finalising the strategy, which we look forward to implementing over the years to come.

“I hope people will take this last opportunity to comment on the documents before they are placed before the Government’s Planning Inspector.”

Following the consultation the documents will be submitted to the Planning Inspector in the summer with a view to adopting them later in 2015.

All the documents and details of how you can respond have been published at ipswich.gov.uk/consultation.

HEARS brings peace of mind

Less than £2.50 a week can buy you or your family peace of mind with the Ipswich HEARS personal alarm service.

Ipswich Borough Council has run the HEARS service for more than 20 years and offers help to people who want to feel more confident about living in their own homes.

HEARS provides two options for users – a full response and monitoring service for less than £2 a week or a monitoring service for less than for £2.50 a week.

The service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and provides benefits for older or disabled people, individuals who have been discharged from hospital and require additional support, and people of any age alone.

HEARS is simple and effective. You are supplied with a mobile button, which you can wear as a pendant or wrist strap. An alarm unit is supplied and connected through your home telephone socket to the Ipswich-based control team. If you press the button the alarm unit will automatically alert the HEARS control team. An operator will be able to speak to you through the powerful loud speaker on the alarm unit. If they cannot hear you, they will try making contact on your home telephone to find out what is wrong.

A secure key safe box will be supplied and fitted, allowing for quick and effective response to alarm calls. In addition, a fall detector and specialist smoke detector can make you even safer.

Your old furniture might be of use to others so don’t dump it, donate it!

Have you contacted the Ipswich Furniture Project or other charities to say you will collect your unwanted household items from your home and pass them on to other families? Other items such as fridges, washing machines and cookers can be recycled if no longer fit for use.

For more information, contact the Ipswich Furniture Project phone 01473 640406 – email service@ipswichfp.org

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These need to be garden waste (no prunings etc.) that will be collected from your front garden. The Council is unable to take soil, turf, rubble etc. The collection is for compostable waste only that will not fit in your brown bin.

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Council invests in jobs to boost economy

Glimpse of the future - 1

"It is also important for Ipswich to take the lead as both a County Town and the key economic regional centre," said Councillor Ellesmere. We are taking this exciting step right, with low interest rates, for our town.

Although the planned purchase recognises the site as employment land, Council policy is but this does not rule out opportunities for other uses on the site in the future."

This deal – in the region of £30 million – is the biggest land purchase by the Council for decades.

The Sproughton site is four times the size of Futura Park to the east of Ipswich and almost as big as Babergh Wood, which the Council previously owned.

GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE - 2

A landmark office block in Ipswich’s Prince Street is in line for major refurbishment after the Borough Council sold the freehold to a property developer.

Fison House is owned by the Council and the sale of the freehold to the developer behind the Earl Colne Business Park has been approved by the ruling Executive committee.

Councillor David Ellesmere said the sale of Fison House, and the planned £15 million refurbishment, was another big step in transforming an important gateway between the station and the town centre.

The sale follows a decision by the Council to submit a planning application with a view to marketing the Landscaped/Artsu site in Princes Street for redevelopment and the announcement by law firm Birketts that it intends to relocate to a site on the opposite side of the road.

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Sale of Fison House opens door to £8m refurbishment

Working with partners to develop jobs and skills

Ipswich Borough Council is giving us a glimpse of the future by implementing an economic development strategy committed to creating and sustaining jobs and skills in the town.

Already well established is an Apprentice Brokerage Scheme, which is designed to create more opportunities for people to get on the jobs and skills ladder, particularly in the ICT and digital creative sectors. The scheme is being delivered by the Council’s partner, the Papworth Trust. The new one-stop youth job centre, myGo, is being used to market the brokerage service.

Digital information points around the town centre are also planned to provide up to date information about Ipswich and the jobs and skills available in the area. The centre would also provide a technology showcase, host business networking events and provide enterprise support.

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Led by Joy Bounds and Martin naturalist’s links with Ipswich. Guided Walk, 2pm collection of £2.
Admission free with retiring Town Concert: Church, 1pm to 1.50pm Museum Street Methodist £23, £31, £42
Collabro (Britain’s Got Talent
Regent Theatre 7pm

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Wed 18th February
Tourist Information Centre
Start: Tourist Information Centre
End: Saints café
Tuesday 17th February, 2pm
Eaton today? Was he the power behind King Henry VIII? Join us to find the answers and more.
Start: Tourist Information Centre
End: Arlington’s

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Curry and quiz evening raises charity cash
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Tea walks to brighten up winter
Wrap up warm and enjoy a special guided tea walk - it will cheer you up during the dark days of winter. All walks start at the Tourist Information Centre in St Stephens Church at 2pm and will keep on the move as much as possible to keep warm!

The cost is £4 per person per walk (including refreshments). All places must be booked in advance through the Tourist Information Centre.

Here is a flavour of what you can expect...

Friday 6th February, 2pm
WILDLIFE WALKS
Come and celebrate Charles Dickens’ connections with Ipswich. See the places he visited and described in his writing, hear about some of the characters he created, especially those connected with Ipswich and, over a cheerful cup of tea, listen to one of his timeless stories.
Start: Tourist Information Centre
End: Arlington’s

Tuesday 17th February, 2pm
MYSTERY AND MURDER
A walk to explore parts of the town connected with some Ipswich legends and mysteries. Did a King hide here? Is that where/Wybie was born? Was that building formerly a station on the Ipswich Underground? All this and more will be revealed.
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Area Committees update - your local news

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The Central Area Committee

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