January 2024

Dear Councillors, Colleagues,

As you are aware work continues at the Backweston site for the rapid build programme.  The current finalisation date is mid April but dates can be subject to change due to a variety of factors.

As part of the programme and to further explore broader possibilities for these units OPW are installing a small number of two storey houses on the site.  A short video of their installation which you may find interesting will be forwarded to you.

The number of homes proposed for Backweston has been revised from 136 single storey, 2 bed homes to 120 single storey, 2 bed homes and 12 x 2 storey 3 bed homes, giving a revised total of 132 homes. Whilst, the homes are being delivered as part of the Ukrainian rapid delivery programme and will house those fleeing the war in  Ukraine, this 2 storey model could provide a new model for delivery of family sized homes across the country.

As always, I am available should councillors or staff have queries relating to this project.

Kind regards,

Eibhlin