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TAYLOR WIMPEY PREPARES TO BEGIN WORK ON BRIGHTON'S ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL SITE

Home-hunters in Brighton will soon receive the chance to secure their very own piece of the city's architectural heritage – as Taylor Wimpey gears up to convert the former Royal Alexandra Hospital site into brand new apartments.

The leading housebuilder is hoping to begin work this summer on the exciting new development, which will involve the faithful restoration of the landmark Victorian hospital building in Clifton Hill, together with the construction of a further 98 new-build apartments in its grounds.

The prestigious collection of new homes will comprise a combination of one, two and three-bedroom apartments overlooking landscaped gardens, with private undercroft parking available for residents.

Work can begin at the development as soon as final planning approval has been granted by Brighton and Hove City Council. Taylor Wimpey hopes to open its new Sales Information Centre later this year, when property-seekers will receive the opportunity to take their pick from the first new homes to be released for sale.

David Brown, Regional Land and Planning Director for Taylor Wimpey, says: "We are keen to begin work on the redevelopment of the former Royal Alexandra Hospital site as soon as possible, once the detailed planning permission and conservation area consent has been issued by Brighton and Hove City Council, and all pre-commencement conditions have been discharged.

"All being well, we still hope to be in a position to begin selling the first selection of new homes at the development off-plan later in the year.

"In the meantime, we are satisfied that every reasonable step is being taken to prevent unauthorised access to the site, with hoardings in place around its perimeter and a security guard on duty 24 hours a day. We are also ever grateful for the watchful eyes of residents in the local neighbourhood."

Located at the junction of Clifton Hill and Dyke Road, the new development is perfectly positioned for those keen to enjoy all the benefits of Brighton life.

The new homes are just a few minutes' walk from the city's main shopping district and less than a mile from the sea front, while the rich variety of restaurants, bars, clubs and theatres for which Brighton is famous are all within easy reach.

Brighton railway station is just over half a mile from the development and offers frequent commuter services to London Bridge and London Victoria in around 65 minutes, and the A23, the main route from the city to London, Crawley and Gatwick Airport, is on the doorstep.

To register an interest in the new homes, or to find out more about Taylor Wimpey developments across the region, property seekers can call 01372 385 800. Further details will be published shortly at www.taylorwimpey.co.uk/swt.

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Notes to editors

Photography is attached and caption is as follows: An artist's impression of the southern facade of Taylor Wimpey's forthcoming development on the site of the former Royal Alexandra Hospital, Brighton.