

Abbey Insights

Quarterly Newsletter

Welcome back to the Abbey Insights Newsletter where you can find the latest updates and news about what's happening on the Abbey.

Planning Update

As you know, we'd been asked to provide additional information on specific areas, including drainage. This is a normal part of the planning process. The work we needed to do for this was complex but, we're pleased to say that we've now completed it. This was submitted on Thursday 8 August 2025.

We'd like to reassure you that the principle of the application hasn't changed, we've simply provided additional information as requested by statutory consultees.

Unfortunately, the documents were made public on Breckland Council's website earlier than planned, so you may have first seen it there rather than directly from us. However, we sent a first-class letter to all residents to try and make sure you heard it from us first and we apologise if this wasn't the case.

Answering your questions

Q: If the outline planning application is approved, what happens next?

A: If outline planning is approved, this doesn't give us permission to start building new homes. We'll work with residents who live in phase one to shape the detail of that phase and submit for detailed planning permission.

Website

We've revamped our website, where you can find the latest information, including virtual copies of this newsletter and our promise to you. Check it out here: <https://www.samphire-homes.co.uk/my-community/the-abbey-estate/>.

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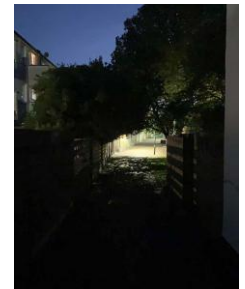


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Lighting Update

After residents told us that the lighting on the estate was poor and contributing to anti-social behaviour, we wanted to make some improvements.

We recently teamed up with **Light Follows Behaviour** and **Breckland Council** to rethink how to improve the lighting. The idea – to use softer, more even lighting to reduce dark spots and help people feel safer and more visible at night.



Images of the old lighting on the Abbey Estate



Image of the new lighting being installed in June 2025

We hope you've already seen some improvements with the new globe lights (pictured above) outside the shops on York Way. We're now looking forward to phase 2 of the works that looks at hanging lights within the trees around the Neighbourhood Centre to create soft lighting in green areas.

This is just a pilot for now, but this is something we want to replicate across the estate as part of the long-term vision for change.

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