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Timber frames a whole new milestone

It's all systems go (again) for Cheltenham Borough Council (CBC) and Cheltenham Borough Homes (CBH) as building works to bring much needed new homes to Cheltenham resumes.

Following the coronavirus outbreak, contractor J Harper and Sons made the decision to take a temporary break from construction works at the former site of Holy Name Hall. During this time CBC and CBH have worked closely with them to consider what changes they would need to make in order to plan a safe return to work. Since then, J Harper and Sons have established their own specific Site Operating Procedures to make sure that they are following Government guidelines, and Risk Assessments have also been carried out to ensure that the works can take place in a safe and planned way.

With the crew now able to return to work safely, building activity is once again underway on Pennine Road, where eight new homes are being built. The scheme is progressing very well and is now nearing a major milestone as the timber frame is almost complete.

This is all part of CBC's ambitious multi-million pound Housing Investment Plan, which will see £100m invested in quality homes and thriving communities for Cheltenham.

Councillor Peter Jeffries, deputy leader and cabinet member for housing at Cheltenham Borough Council, said: *"I'm delighted to see the contractor's team return safely and continue the works to meet the considerable demand for high quality homes in Cheltenham."*

Paul Stephenson, CBH chief executive said: *"The safety of our contractors, customers and colleagues remains a top priority for us, and we're really pleased that our contractor is once again in a position to re-start construction works safely."*

We're delighted to be working with J Harper and Sons who are renowned for delivering high quality housing and now we've reached this significant new milestone, we're excited to see the new homes begin to take shape. These homes will make a difference to the town and the people who live in it – building great communities as well as new homes."

CBC and CBH are working with J Harper and Sons to make sure that they can continue to work safely on and off site.

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Kind regards

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