The new prison at Glen Parva Newsletter

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The new prison at Glen Parva will:

- benefit your community by creating jobs and increasing spend in local businesses,
- create a safe, secure and decent environment for staff and prisoners, and
- give prisoners the support and skills they need to turn their lives around and move away from criminal behaviour.

The new prison will hold 1,680 men. It will be a category C Resettlement Prison. That means it is for men who are in the second lowest risk category and will be nearing the end of their sentences.

Last year, the Prime Minister announced an investment of up to £2.5bn to transform the prison estate and provide 10,000 additional prison places, on top of the 3,360 already being delivered at the new prisons at Glen Parva and Wellingborough.

Benefits to your community

Based on our experience at Wellingborough, we expect the new prison at Glen Parva to create hundreds of local construction jobs. We also have a target to spend almost a third of the budget with Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs). This will significantly boost the economy of South Leicestershire and surrounding areas.

Design and planning

The new prison will have 13 buildings, including 7 accommodation blocks and some support buildings. We have been working closely with Lendlease to finalise the design for the new prison, which we shared at a local engagement event in October 2019.

As you will be aware, Outline Planning Permission was approved by Blaby District Council (BDC) and Oadby & Wigston Borough Council (OWBC) in September 2017. Following further development and changes to the design with Lendlease, taking in to consideration local residents' views, applications for the approval of the remaining Reserved Matters (which are landscaping, the appearance of the buildings and the detailed site layout) were submitted 28 November 2019.

FIRST EDITION

Welcome to the first edition of the newsletter which we intend to issue quarterly. The newsletter will keep you up to date with our latest plans, especially during Coronavirus, and explain how you and your community will benefit from this major project.

Both Blaby District Council and Oadby & Wigston Borough Council have now granted most of the planning permissions required to authorize the construction of the new prison, and we expect that the remainder will be considered in the next few weeks.

Lendlease is the main building contractor for the initial works, who will start works on 11 May 2020. They will follow strict health guidelines because of Coronavirus. This includes regular cleaning and sanitising and maintaining social distancing. Main construction is expected to commence later this year.

CONSTRUCTION SITE NEWS

The new prison at Glen Parva has been assessed by Ministers as a high-priority project. Initial work includes:

- site surveys,
- setting-up the project site office and welfare facilities,
- investigatory works for piling locations, and
- a temporary drainage diversion.

The site operating practices will be led by our Construction Director, supported by an experienced local team. They are looking forward to working with the local community.

Environment

We are committed to supporting the environment and will recycle most of the ground materials. This will involve processing 75,000m3 of existing material for re-use on site and will save about 10,500 vehicles going on and off site.

We recently carried out early ecology works to manage vegetation across the site to discourage nesting birds and other wildlife, so they are not disturbed by future construction. Pictures of this are below.



GLEN PARVA SOCIAL VALUE TARGETS

Lendlease is working closely with local partners to publicise the employment, apprenticeship and training opportunities available for those living in the surrounding area. This includes; local authorities for Blaby, Oadby and Wigston and Leicester City; Department for Work and Pensions, Leicester Local Enterprise Partnership, Leicester College, Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) and others. We will share details on how you can register your interest in employment on the construction phase of the project in our next Newsletter.

The below table highlights our Social Value Commitments, which the MoJ and Lendlease are working closely to deliver with local partners and stakeholders including the local authorities for Blaby, Oadby and Wigston and Leicester City, Department for Work and Pensions, Leicester Local Enterprise Partnership, Leicester College, Construction Industry Training Board and others.

Our Social Value Manager, has been working with local partners and stakeholders to ensure that we promote any employment, apprenticeship and training opportunities to local people.

Key performance indicators for the new prison development at Glen Parva	Definition
25% local employment (within 25 miles of site)	People employed to work onsite that are living within a 25- mile radius of the site.
40% local employment (off-site manufacturing)	This is for off-site manufacturing opportunities.
100 new jobs created of which are at least 25% ex- offenders or offenders on ROTL (released on temporary license)	100 job opportunities created as a result of the project. 25% to be ex-offenders or serving offenders on ROTL.
1,750 work placement days	Work placement days – any on or off-site activity promoting the construction sector including work experience, this includes site visits and presentations.
1,000 people upskilled to work on construction projects	This is anyone upskilled from local community or existing employees as a result of this project.
30% onsite spend with SMEs	30% of contract value spent with Small Medium Enterprises (SME).
25% onsite spend within local area (50-mile radius from site)	25% spend within 50-mile radius.
1 community project per year	Community project delivered in the local area through the Lendlease Foundation.
£50,000 spend with Social Enterprises throughout the project	Spend with a Voluntary Community Social Enterprises (VCSE) providing services and products to the project.
15 targeted events for those who have low representation in the construction industry over the period of the project	This includes community engagement events to promote training and employment opportunities for the project to those who face challenges and barriers for employment.

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