

## Brindley Village Another Step Closer

The redevelopment of an eleven acre site in Smethwick, West Midlands took a major step forward last month with the final hurdles to the grant of planning consent being overcome and the formal issuing of a Compulsory Purchase Order Notice by Sandwell Council.

The CPO marks the final step in the acquisition of over 35 separate interests in a rundown industrial estate. Thomas Lister have been advising developers PxP West Midlands and have negotiated agreements to acquire all but one of the properties on the estate.



The £40 million scheme will see the transformation of a poor quality industrial estate to deliver nearly 200 homes and shops developed to high quality standards and incorporating extensive public open space with improved linkages to Smethwick's main retail area. The scheme is being brought forward by PxP West Midlands with the benefit of £8 million funding from the Homes and Communities Agency, which was secured with the assistance of Thomas Lister.

Tony Haddock of Thomas Lister said "the issuing of the CPO notice is an important step in bringing this development forward. We have made enormous progress over the last two years in securing vacant possession of the majority of the site, but the CPO will allow PxP to acquire the few remaining interests and bring the site forward for re-development. The proposed scheme, which has the backing of local residents, will provide high quality new homes designed to meet local demand and enhance the existing community."

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