

# Dudley Federation



of Tenants and Residents Associations

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## Dudley Federation Update

Our first online AGM was held on Thursday 27th January and went very well. 5 board members were re-elected and several issues were discussed. You can find a summary of the meeting on our website.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 31st March at 6pm on Microsoft Teams. Please email [info@dftra.org.uk](mailto:info@dftra.org.uk) to request the link.

## Energy Advice

Dudley Energy Advice Line (DEAL) is offering energy advice and support to anyone who lives in Dudley borough.

A DEAL leaflet containing handy tips on how to reduce energy consumption, such as using shorter washing machine cycles, switching off devices not in use and only boiling the water needed in a kettle, is available [via our website](#).

To support households with rising energy bills, those living in houses in council tax bands A to D will receive a £150 rebate. This will automatically be paid into your bank if you pay via direct debit.

You can set up a direct debit by calling 0300 555 8000 or via the Dudley Council website [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk).

If you choose not to set up a direct debit, Dudley Council will contact you to show you how to submit an application for the rebate.

## Coronavirus Update

The government is removing remaining domestic restrictions in England. There are still steps you can take to reduce the risk of catching and spreading COVID-19:

- Get vaccinated
- Let fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meet outside
- Consider wearing a face covering in crowded, enclosed spaces
- Get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms, and stay at home if positive

## A tribute to a beloved community stalwart

We were all extremely saddened to hear of the passing of Paul Greenaway at the end of last year.

The long serving Chairperson of [Ellowes Hall & Area TRA](#) was involved in many local community groups and was a real credit to his family and friends.

He is and will continue to be truly missed in the locally and beyond.



## New Build Update



### Recently completed schemes (all now let)

-  **Forge Rd, Stourbridge** – 3 new houses
-  **Branfield & Hollywell, Sedgley** – 7 new houses
-  **Commonside Pensnett** – 5 new houses
-  **Bromley Pensnett** – 5 new houses
-  **Hinbrook, Russells Hall (pictured)** – 12 new apartments



Hinkbrook Apartments

### Planning approval achieved and commencement imminent:

-  **The Vista** – 2 affordable two bed bungalows
-  **Corporation Road** – 8 affordable homes across 2 sites (two and three bed houses)
-  **Beacon Rise** – 11 affordable homes, 8 apartments, 2 x two bedroom and 1 x three bedroom houses
-  **New Swinford Hall** – conversion to 18 affordable apartments (mix of one and two beds)

### Planning approved but no commencement date agreed yet:

-  **St Georges Rd, Dudley** – 7 affordable homes: 3 x two bed, 3 x three bed and 1 x four bed
-  **Whitegates Road** – 3 affordable homes, 1 x four bed and 2 x one bed

### Schemes submitted for planning and awaiting decision:

-  **Lower Valley Road** – 17 affordable homes, 14 apartments (mix of one and two beds) and 3 x two bedroom wheelchair bungalows
-  **Swan St, Netherton** – 75 affordable units including a sheltered housing scheme of 54 units (Pictured below)
-  **Envile St, Stourbridge** – 10 affordable apartments
-  **Colley Lane, Cradley** – 9 affordable apartments
-  **Broad Street, Coseley** – 9 affordable houses



CGI of the proposed scheme at Swan Street, Netherton

Some of the properties are specifically designed to meet the needs of people with physical or learning disabilities and/or support needs, others are for general need.

All of the new properties, which include low level apartment blocks, bungalows and houses, will be built to lifetime standards.

The properties will be built for people with general housing needs, and some will be designed specifically for people in the need of supported living options, such as those recovering from mental ill health.

The lettings process for most of these new homes is through the usual lettings process. Via [choice based lettings](#), through [Dudley at Home](#).

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