

Community Together College Bank and Lower Falinge Newsletter (text only version). May 2021 Edition.

A message from Gareth Swarbrick, RBH Chief Executive

From the beginning, we promised that residents would be the first to hear any news about our regeneration plans directly from us. This newsletter outlines our proposals for the next phases of development in College Bank and Lower Falinge. Our plans are about providing the quality of homes that residents in Rochdale town centre deserve for decades to come.

I know that this continues to be a challenging and uncertain time for many residents, and our team can continue to offer support and advice to individuals and families who need it. You can contact us on **towncentre.regen@rbh.org.uk** or by calling us on Freephone **0800 027 7769**. You can also complete the contact form at **www.collegebankandlowerfalinge.org.uk**. Unfortunately, to protect the safety of residents and RBH employees, we are currently unable to run our weekly drop-in sessions.

On College Bank, we started to work with residents in Mitchell Hey in Spring 2019 to support them to move to new homes which meet their needs and are in the area of their choice. Every resident who wished to stay in the town centre area has been able to do so. Over three-quarters of residents have now completed their move and we continue to support the remaining tenants and leaseholders in their moves to new homes.

We are now in a position to provide more clarity for residents in the remaining blocks on College Bank. We have recently written to all of our residents in Town Mill Brow advising them of the next steps and will be contacting each household individually in the coming months to discuss their rehousing options and support needs. This will be followed by **Tentercroft residents in Summer 2022** and **Dunkirk Rise in early 2024**.

In Lower Falinge, work continues on our latest phase of new homes, which are due to be completed in Summer 2022, and our team have been providing support to residents in Abbeydale, Exbury, and Yarwell blocks to help them to find new homes which meet their needs and are in the area of their choice. Every residents who wished to stay in the town centre area has been able to do so.

We have also recently written to all of our residents in Zedburgh and Waverley advising them of the next steps and will be contacting each household individually to discuss their rehousing options and support needs.

I know some residents may find it more difficult than others to find a new home using our choice based lettings system but I want to take this opportunity to remind you

that our dedicated team are on hand to help you through this process, step by step. You can contact them using the details on this newsletter.

This newsletter contains a diagram outlining these plans, together with more information and contact details.

Best wishes,

Gareth Swarbrick,
Chief Executive,
Rochdale Boroughwide Housing

The Next Steps

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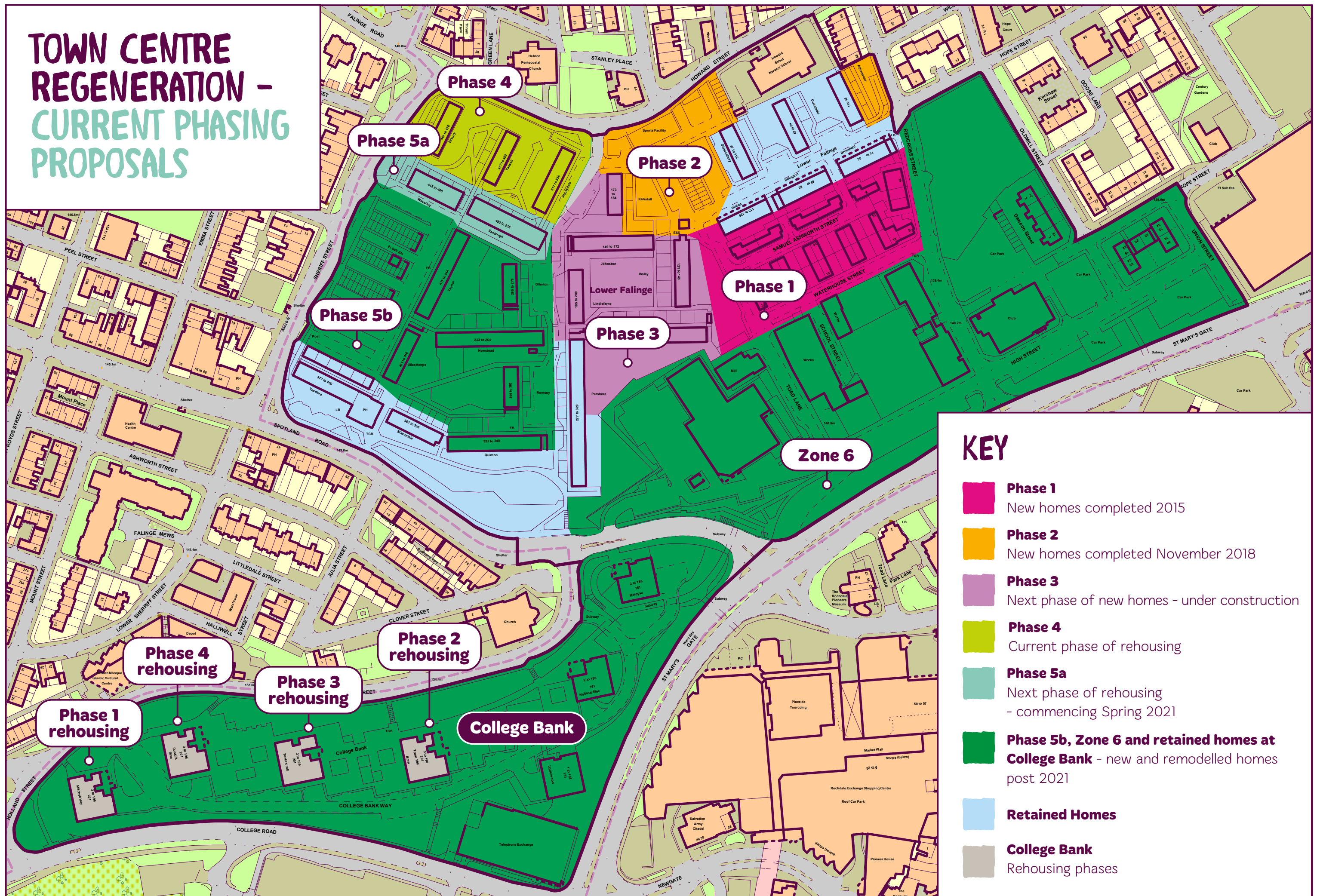
If you live in Town Mill Brow, Waverley or Zedburgh, our team will be contacting you shortly to discuss your options and any additional support you may need.

As part of our commitments to residents in College Bank and Lower Falinge, we want to reaffirm our promises that all residents who want to continue to live in the town centre will be able to do so, and RBH tenants will be entitled to a home of the same type with the same number of bedrooms.

Lower Falinge Site Newsletter

In partnership with our contractor, we are sending an email newsletter to residents who wish to receive site news from our current development site at Lower Falinge. If you would like to sign up for this newsletter, please email **development.team@rbh.org.uk** and we will add you to the distribution list.

TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION - CURRENT PHASING PROPOSALS



KEY

- Phase 1**
New homes completed 2015
- Phase 2**
New homes completed November 2018
- Phase 3**
Next phase of new homes - under construction
- Phase 4**
Current phase of rehousing
- Phase 5a**
Next phase of rehousing
- commencing Spring 2021
- Phase 5b, Zone 6 and retained homes at College Bank** - new and remodelled homes post 2021
- Retained Homes**
- College Bank**
Rehousing phases