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**Augusta Open Space Report**

**Appendix 4**

**Augusta Park, Housing Scheme History**

This town extension for Andover is well underway as part of Test Valley's commitment to providing 10,000 new homes by 2026.

East Anton Farm lies to the north east of the town centre in Alamein ward, and was granted planning consent in summer 2008. The masterplan includes 2500 homes, two new schools, a community centre, playing field, and two 'neighbourhood' centres of shops and offices, plus footpaths and cycleways to the town centre.

**Housing Scheme history**

Construction started on site in December 2008, which saw us working with Taylor Wimpey and Bellway Homes to deliver 229 affordable homes.

Augusta Park is our biggest s106 development project to date, and is supported by £12.6m of subsidy from the Homes and Communities Agency. The keys were handed to the first new residents in summer 2009.

All homes have a parking space or garage, or cycle storage for the apartments. Allocation of these homes is managed via the borough council's bidding club - Test Valley Homes.

Aside from Sentinel, Bellway and Taylor Wimpey, the MoD's housing arm - Annington Homes has bought 52 homes for military housing.

The development is a mixture of privately owned, shared ownership and housing association homes.

**Features**

All homes are built to Code for Sustainable Homes level 3, using a range of eco-technology including solar panels, mechanical ventilation heat recovery systems, and air source heat pumps. Two apartment blocks are fitted with photovoltaic panels which help to power the communal lighting and door entry systems. Sentinel is monitoring energy usage across a sample of homes to inform retrofit programmes to combat climate change.

Eleven of the homes have wheelchair access, and Test Valley Borough Council has found residents for these, enabling to tailor the homes to individual needs during construction, supplemented by Disabled Facilities Grants.

The Endeavour school opened in 2010 and has now over 322 children.

A Community Officer was appointed to help foster a sense of community. Her post has now ended.

The Community Centre is now run by APCA,(Augusta Park Community Association)

A new community Centre was opened in July 2012, including a nursery school welcoming 110 young children.

 A Sentinel Neighborhood Coordinator was based on site for three days a week.(unsure if still in post now)

Information extracted from <https://www.sentinelha.org.uk/our-new-homes/development-archive/augusta-park-east-anton-andover>