

## Preparing the ground

When out and about in Hereford recently people may have seen surveyors measuring up the lie of the land and wondered what was happening. They were working to establish the detail and design to help integrate and blend designs for the new, regenerated ESG area with existing buildings.

The work was commissioned by ESG Herefordshire, the Sanctuary Group and Herefordshire Council. It will enable the continuation of the on site flood assessment and will help in further development of the plans for the link road which - once constructed - will open up parcels of land for the building of up to 1000 new homes in the urban village. Homes that won't run the risk of being flooded.

Jonathan Bretherton, Chief Executive of ESG Herefordshire said, "Everything is moving forward as planned. All the basics and background work that needs to be done is being done. The two major infrastructure projects that will bring huge benefits to the city are on track - flood



alleviation for a major part of the city, preventing the mayhem that flooding brings and saving millions of pounds, and a link road that will make access to the hospital and around the city easier. The road will also help eliminate the accident blackspots currently identified on the inner ring road and Commercial Road.

"Both these projects will allow new build and regeneration of part of the city currently unavailable for development."

Public consultation on the link road will take place in September accompanied by articles and information in the media and on the website [www.esgherefordshire.co.uk](http://www.esgherefordshire.co.uk)