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CHP Allocated Housing Corporation Grant

CHELMER Housing Partnership (CHP) has been allocated £2,383,500 by the Housing Corporation to fund the development of 72 affordable homes throughout Essex.

The Housing Corporation's social housing grant will be utilised to develop quality new homes in six local authority areas – Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Thurrock, and Uttlesford – as part of CHP's corporate objective to own 10,000 properties by 2013.

To date CHP has provided 134 new homes across the county; a further 273 new properties will be complete for handover during the next 14-months.

Kate Barker, Housing Corporation Board Member with special responsibility for the East of England, said: "The grant reconfirms our commitment to meeting the challenging housing needs in the East of England. The provision of new affordable social housing is critical to continued success in creating sustainable communities right across the region."

David Cotterill, CHP New Business Director, said: "The allocation we have received allows CHP to continue providing high quality affordable homes, while meeting our commitment to develop. I am delighted with the allocation, some of which will be invested in Parkside."

Having recently signed a partnership charter with Mulalley and Company and Bellway Homes; part of the allocation will be utilised for the Parkside regeneration initiative.

The project – which will provide homes for sale, shared ownership and rent along with a planned Primary Care Trust (PCT) neighbourhood centre – will create a sustainable community; bring financial investment to the area; and enhance residents' quality of life.

Brendan O'Malley, Mulalley and Company Managing Director, said: "Having commenced work at Parkside in 2007 we have already built a strong working relationship with CHP which I am sure will continue to develop and grow for the benefit of their residents."

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