



Good News Bulletin- Edition 46—May 2025

Welcome to the Land, Planning and Development Federation Good News Bulletin.

Published on a monthly basis the Federation wishes to recognise and celebrate the good work achieved by our full members.

Mac Mic Group strengthens senior leadership with two key promotions

As part of its continued growth and strategic evolution, Mac Mic Group is pleased to announce two senior promotions within its leadership team.

Brian Dick Appointed Managing Director

Brian Dick has been appointed Managing Director of Mac Mic Group, marking a significant milestone as the business celebrates its Centenary year.

Brian joined the company in 2012 as a Management Accountant and has played an instrumental role in its expansion over the past 13 years. After moving into the Investment Team, he led the creation and development of a new business unit. His commercial acumen and strategic leadership led to his promotion to Head of Investments in 2023.

Brian said: *"It's a real honour to step into the role of Managing Director at such a well-established and forward-focused business. Having grown with Mac Mic Group over the past decade, I'm proud to help lead the next phase — building on our legacy and embracing new opportunities."*

Brian has been at the forefront of several major transactions, including the Springfield deal — a landmark moment in the Group's strategic growth.

He also serves on the board of iOPT, where he contributes to broader Group strategy and innovation.



Jacqueline Primrose Appointed Head of PRS

Mac Mic Group is also proud to confirm the promotion of Jacqueline Primrose to Head of PRS (Private Rented Sector).

Since joining the business in 2012, Jacqueline has progressed through a range of finance roles, most recently serving as Assistant Management Accountant. Over the past year, she has taken on increasing responsibility for PRS operations, working closely with senior leadership to develop this fast-growing area of the business.

Jacqueline said: *"Having been part of Mac Mic Group for over a decade, it's incredibly rewarding to take on this role. The PRS side of the business is fast-moving and full of opportunity, and I'm excited to keep building on the strong foundations we've created."*

Jacqueline's promotion reflects her deep operational expertise, strong understanding of the business, and her role in shaping the Group's long-term PRS strategy.

Another three site exchanges in a week for Wates Developments

Following last month's success of three site exchanges in a day, Wates Developments has completed the exchange of three further strategic land sites in May, totalling over 180 acres and with the potential to deliver 700+ new homes.

This is a major milestone for our land team, adding six new sites to our growing portfolio in the last four weeks, and is a clear reflection of our ongoing commitment to sustainable placemaking – creating thriving communities with affordable homes, green infrastructure and long-term value.

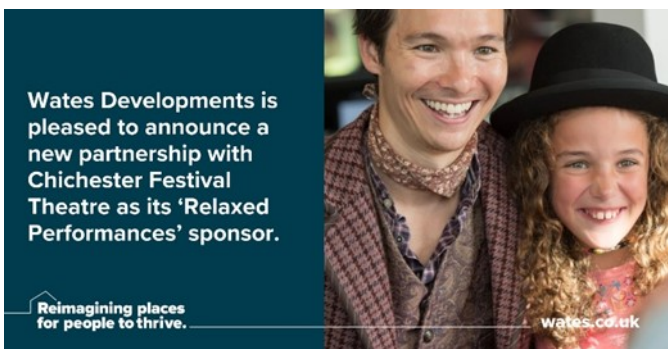


Supporting inclusivity and accessibility at Chichester Festival Theatre

Wates Developments has announced a new partnership with Chichester Festival Theatre, as the sponsor of its 'Relaxed Performances'.

Running for the past ten years, the Relaxed Performances have become a key part of the theatre's commitment to inclusivity and accessibility.

This new partnership reflects our purpose of reimagining places where people can thrive and will support the prestigious theatre's mission to provide greater access to the arts.



Wates Developments revitalises vital local space

This year's Community Day saw over 20 team members volunteer their time at The Haven Centre in Crawley Down, where they helped to revitalise a vital local space, including undertaking a full refresh of the Scout Hut.

We prioritise nurturing long-standing relationships with local communities to make a meaningful difference. The Haven Centre is home to dozens of local groups – from baby and toddler sessions to lunch clubs and fitness classes – and improvements like these make a real impact.

"It was fantastic to have all hands-on deck from the Wates team," said Jackie Huggett, Centre Manager. **"The outdoor area looks amazing and will make such a big difference for all the local groups we serve."**

Vicky Teasdale of 1st Turners Hill & Crawley Down Scouts added: **"The refresh will really enhance the experience of the 95+ young people we support. We can't wait to welcome them back into the new and improved space."**



New partnership aims to provide 'Home For Life' for vital Sussex charity

Wates Developments is thrilled to be partnering with the charity **Kangaroos Sussex** to provide a sustainable, custom built community centre at Foxhole Farm, in Bolney, Sussex.

The 'home for life' for the charity will help them provide more vital support to children, young people and adults with learning disabilities and additional needs.

The new community centre forms part of the proposed site allocation in Bolney, which will deliver 200 new homes alongside significant environmental benefit, to help meet the local housing crises.

Emma Hunt, CEO of Kangaroos, said: **"Kangaroos is excited to be partnering with Wates and the prospect of delivering a new bespoke facility at Bolney. This opportunity could make such a difference to the lives of many families in Mid Sussex and give the charity a home for life."**

Richborough submits residential planning application in Derbyshire

Richborough's new planning team has hit the ground running, submitting an outline planning application in Melbourne.

The proposal, which comprises two fields to the south of Kings Newton Lane, could deliver approximately 135 new homes, 30% of which are proposed as affordable housing, in line with local needs and planning policy.

The plans also include the creation of extensive public open space, high-quality landscaping, 20% National Forest planting in accordance with local policy and the integration of sustainable drainage infrastructure to support environmental resilience and long-term sustainability.

For more information and updates on the proposals, please visit: <https://www.richborough.co.uk/project/melbourne/>



Richborough launches new Green Belt / Grey Belt brochure

Richborough's new brochure:

- ✓ Defines Green Belt
- ✓ Explains the new Grey Belt
- ✓ Showcases our 15-year track record in delivering Green Belt sites
- ✓ Highlights our first 'Grey Belt' planning permission success – just weeks after the new policy was released!



The brochure comes following recent changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which present a once in a generation opportunity for landowners to secure planning permissions.

Order your copy today to find out why Richborough is the partner of choice for Green Belt sites – even those that have previously been refused. Print and digital versions available.

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Appointments and promotions at Richborough

Richborough has made some more exciting promotions and appointments over the past few weeks as part of our ambitious growth strategy:

Promotions

Alanna Mahoney: Senior Land and Planning Manager. This promotion is in reflection of Alanna's work in growing our new homes delivery pipeline in the South West region. She joined Richborough in 2020 and has shown commitment, tenacity and teamwork in growing relationships and opportunities. Alanna.mahoney@richborough.co.uk

Appointments

Freddy Stephens: Senior Planning Delivery Manager Freddy has joined our Birmingham HQ as part of our Planning Delivery team, which oversees our expanding portfolio of residential planning applications, preparing submissions, unpicking national and local policy and following applications through to determination. Freddy was previously Pre-Construction Manager at St. Modwen Homes. Fredy.stephens@richborough.co.uk

David Moore: Senior Technical Co-ordinator Based at our London office, David has joined our Technical team and ensures rigorous due diligence in the assessment and planning of new sites, maximising opportunities while mitigating potential constraints. He was previously Design Manager at Taylor Wimpey. David.moore@richborough.co.uk

Shareen Mitchell: Technical Coordinator Shareen has joined our Birmingham HQ as part of our Technical team. She supports our regional teams to ensure all relevant technical matters are identified and actions completed to facilitate the efficient and timely preparation of planning applications. Shareen previously Assistant Technical Coordinator at St Modwen Homes. Shareen.mitchell@richborough.co.uk

