



Good News Bulletin- Edition 20—January 2023

Welcome to the Land Promoters and Developers Good News Bulletin.

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

Thank you to everyone who has supplied content and congratulations on your success.

ASL Signs Promotion Agreement For 500 Acre Northants Site



Ainscough Strategic Land won its planning appeal against West Oxfordshire District Council for 120 new homes on land on the edge of the village of Ducklington, near Witney.

The company lodged its appeal for the site on Witney Road, having seen its original application turned down on grounds of landscape and heritage impact.

On review, the planning inspector, Mr Longmuir, concluded that the limited harm that could be found to arise from the proposals would be 'significantly outweighed' by the substantial benefits the scheme would deliver, particularly in light of the shortfall in the local authority's 5-year housing land supply.



"We are very pleased and we thank the inspector for his careful consideration of our arguments and evidence," said ASL planning director John Brooks.

"We had every confidence in the planning merits of our case, which is why we pursued the application on appeal. The Inspector has quite rightly given overriding weight to the urgent local need for both market and affordable housing. It also continues our enviable historical record of success – we have won over 90 per cent of all appeals submitted, reflecting our careful and professional approach at each stage of the process."

The Lancashire-based land promoter was advised by Killian Garvey at King Chambers; Jeff Richards and Clare Hawkes at Turley; James Stacey and Annie Gingell at Tetlow King; Charles Mylchreest and Eddy Stratford at EDP; and Lee Witts at Brookbanks.

The firm currently has more than 3,000 housing plots submitted for planning approval and more than 5,700 under option.

Richborough Estates Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The Birmingham based land promoter has thanked landowners, advisors, colleagues, friends, and families for contributing to the magnificent milestone.

The company started with just three people who called it after Richborough Drive in Dudley, where they promoted one of their first sites!

Richborough's successes to date include:

- Nearly 30 people employed across Birmingham, Bristol and London offices and operating nationwide
- Assisted scores of landowners and agents to get planning permission and dispose of their sites to housebuilders and developers
- Sold land that has produced more than 5,000 new homes, and made £35 million in infrastructure contributions
- More than 140 live sites in their portfolio with the potential to deliver thousands more new homes and millions of square feet of commercial space

Richborough Estates' Chief Executive, Paul Campbell said: "Reaching this milestone is testament to the hard work of our team, who ensure we consistently deliver a best-in-class service for all our landowners and stakeholders."

We're committed to delivering high quality homes and places to work in great locations, and are proud of the communities we enhance and create."

Never a company to stand still, Richborough is set to reveal more exciting news and projects in the months to come to benefit clients. This includes the launch of an exciting new venture early next month.



Residential Development Partner Sought: Matlock, Derbyshire

Working with Fisher German, Richborough Estates has brought to market a 10.5-acre site in Matlock, Derbyshire, which benefits from a Resolution to Grant outline planning permission for 75 new homes.

It's located off Chesterfield Road, and highlights of the development include:

- 30% affordable housing provision
- Footpath improvements and a new pedestrian crossing
- New parking provision
- Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) including rain gardens, tree pits and a swale
- Retention of characteristic stone walls
- Public Open Space and areas of natural play

Resolution to Grant outline planning permission was secured on 13th December 2022, subject to the Section 106 agreement.

Deadline for offers is midday on Wednesday 22nd February 2023.

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New Appointments For Our Land and Project teams



Wates Developments continues to expand and strengthen its team capabilities, welcoming three new starters to its' Land and Project teams in January.

Toby Haselwood has joined as a Senior Land Manager and will be focused on securing new residential land opportunities within the Northern Home Counties and the Midlands. He previously held strategic roles at Lagan Homes and Manor Oak Homes and is a member of the RTPI.

Alice Cameron is our new Assistant Land and Planning Manager, appointed to deliver planning consents and allocations. She joins us from Martin Grant Homes Ltd. Alice holds a degree from Nottingham Trent University in Property Planning and Development and is working towards her RICS.

Lorraine Carroll joins us from Taylor Wimpey as a Senior Secretary, to support in the delivery of various business activities. Her background includes roles with Balfour Beatty and Countryside Properties.



Left to right: Toby; Lorraine and Alice

First Outline Planning Application of 2023 Submitted for Land in Chesterton

It's been a busy start to 2023 for Wates Developments! We submitted our first outline planning application of the year on land in **Chesterton**, Oxfordshire, and also completed our **first new land exchange**, on 34 acres of land within Wokingham Borough Council.

The outline planning application was submitted to Cherwell District Council for land south of Green Lane in Chesterton, Oxfordshire – a 36.5 acre site with the potential to provide up to 147 much-needed new homes, including 35% affordable housing and 'First Homes'.

This will be a sustainable, net carbon development with green infrastructure to deliver a positive biodiversity net gain. Plans developed include an extension of the existing village recreation ground, new sports provision and open space with



additional woodland, recreational paths and trim trails.

A wide range of community engagement activities were undertaken to understand local need and develop the plans accordingly.

Croudace Secure 100 Units in Ringmer

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Croudace Homes is pleased to announce that it has secured appeal success in Ringmer for 100 units and expansive community facilities.

The development will deliver much needed market and affordable housing as well as a long held aspirations for further sports facilities including a 3G football pitch, tennis courts, cricket nets and associated uses.

Many thanks to Christopher Boyle KC (Landmark Chambers), Steven Brown (Woolf Bond), Paul Carnell (Strutt & Parker), Liz Bryant (Bryant Landscape), Tom Copp (RPS), Mark Rose (CSA), Amy Hensler (Stantec) and Matt Twinberrow (Bellamy Roberts).



Major Appointment at Warwick Land Promoter and Developer

One of the UK's major land promoters and developers has started 2023 by making a major appointment.

Graham Whitehouse has been appointed Engineering Director at Warwick-based L&Q Estates.

He has nearly 40 years' experience in the civil engineering

and water industry and for the last two decades has been working with developers on a range of multi-disciplinary projects.

Graham, who lives in Worcestershire, has previously worked at Halcrow, which was acquired by CH2M Hill, and has joined L&Q Estates from Wardell Armstrong where he was Technical Director before being promoted to Regional Director at its Birmingham office in 2018.

He said he has already worked with his new colleagues on projects ranging from Westley Green in Cambridgeshire to a major urban extension in South Oxford.

Graham said: "I have been involved in the civil/water Industry since leaving school which has evolved over the years to include more disciplines. I have worked with L&Q Estates previously on a consultancy basis so I know I am joining a business with top-class people.

Adrian Clack, Managing Director at L&Q Estates, said Graham was a welcome addition to the 49-strong team.

"Many of the senior management team have worked with Graham in the past and we are delighted he is bringing his vast experience of all aspects of water infrastructure to L&Q Estates," he said.

Southern Land Team Expands

Thomas Powell has joined Catesby Estates as Senior Land Manager.

A qualified Planner, Thomas will be part of their southern based land team.

He will be working with Julian Wilkinson, and will be responsible for identifying, sourcing, acquiring and disposing of new strategic sites for quality residential led schemes across the south.

Tom joins Catesby from Countryside, where he was an Associate Director within Strategic Land, and he also previously held positions with Taylor Wimpey and the London Legacy Development Corporation.

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