



Good News Bulletin- Edition 42—January 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 members.

Senior Promotions at Wain Estates

Strategic land company Wain Estates has announced two in-house promotions following a strong year of growth. Will Young has been promoted to senior project manager while Luke Hopkins is now a senior land manager.

Will has been with the independent company for more than three years, primarily working on the vast Carrington Estate in Greater Manchester.

Director of special projects, Jack Brister, said: “Will’s ability to drive forward complex negotiations and projects is a huge asset to the company. This promotion recognises both his skills and dedication.”

Will said: “Since joining Wain Estates, I’ve had the opportunity to work on various elements of the complex Carrington regeneration project, finding solutions to drive forward progress across the site has been highly rewarding. I am looking forward to building on this progress in my new role.”

Land director Ryan James, said: “Luke is key part of our team and has made a real impact since joining us 18 months ago. His knowledge, passion and approach have helped us achieve great things and the results speak for themselves. We are proud to see him take the next step in his career and look forward to seeing all the great things he will accomplish in his new role.”

Luke said: “Since joining Wain Estates the team has added seven new sites to the development pipeline and I look forward to building on this progress in my new role, working alongside my colleagues and appointed agents to bring these sites to market in the near future.”



Planning permission for 60 Homes in Yeovil

Gladman are pleased to announce that our outline application for up to 60 dwellings (including 35% affordable housing) on Land off Tintinhull Road, Yeovil received a resolution to grant planning permission at Somerset Council's Planning Committee - South on Tuesday 17th December.



Site Sold with planning for 60 Homes in Lymington Bottom, Hampshire

Gladman are very pleased to announce that we have unconditionally exchanged contracts for the sale of land at Lymington Bottom, Four Marks, Hampshire, to Bellway Homes. Gladman secured outline planning permission for a development of up to 60 dwellings on behalf of the landowners.

Site Sold with planning for 135 Homes in Sittingbourne

Gladman are very pleased to announce that on Christmas Eve we completed the sale of land at Swanstree Avenue, Sittingbourne to Chartway Partnerships Group.

Chartway will be working in partnership with The Hyde Group to deliver a mixed tenure, affordable housing led scheme. Gladman secured outline planning permission for a development of up to 135 dwellings on behalf of the landowners.

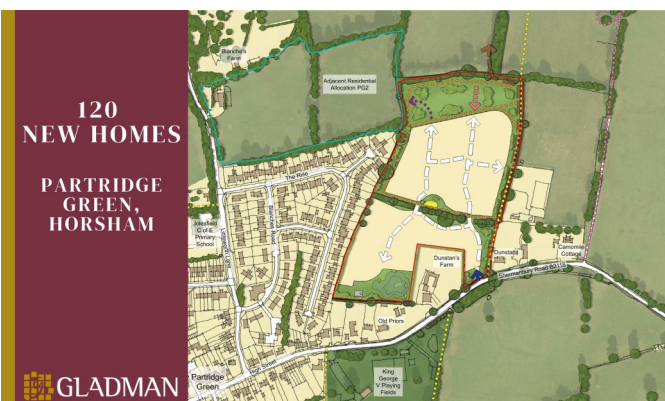


Planning permission for 120 Homes in Partridge Green

We are pleased to report that our planning application for 120 dwellings at Shermanbury Road, Partridge Green received unanimous resolution to grant planning permission at Horsham District Council's Planning Committee (South)

The Site was selected for allocation in the Council's emerging plan and will deliver 45% affordable housing.

Thanks to our in-house team and team of consultants in securing this step in delivering much needed housing to this area of West Sussex



Site Sold with planning for 70 Homes in Barcombe

Gladman are delighted to announce that we have unconditionally exchanged contracts on land off Barcombe Mills Road, Barcombe with Elivia Homes. Gladman secured outline consent for 70 dwellings including 40% affordable housing and associated landscaping and public open space.

MAC MIC GROUP

Promotions Announcement

We are excited to kick off 2025 with some fantastic news! Jenny Harvie-Miller has been promoted to Head of Group Communications & Engagement, and Kari Burton has been promoted to Regional Head of Planning – South East.

Jenny has been with Mac Mic Group since 2005, her role evolving alongside the company's growth over the past 20 years. Most recently, she served as Senior Group Marketing Manager, playing a key role in our marketing success across the divisions. In her new position, Jenny will lead our communications and engagement efforts, ensuring clear and consistent messaging across the Group and externally. Her leadership will be instrumental in fostering a strong sense of community and engagement within the company and beyond.



Since joining Mac Mic Group in 2023, Kari has demonstrated exceptional leadership and planning expertise, significantly strengthening our South East Region. Her successful submissions and skilled management of consulting relationships have been invaluable. This promotion recognises Kari's dedication and outstanding contributions. In her new role, she will lead our South East planning operations and oversee planning team development as we expand.



Mac Mic Group Unveils Centenary Tartan Designed by Glasgow School of Art Student

As part of our centenary celebrations, Mac Mic Group proudly collaborated with The Glasgow School of Art (GSA) on the Mac Mic Centenary Tartan Project. This initiative provided BA (Hons) Textile Design students with a unique opportunity to reinterpret Scotland's iconic tartan fabric with a contemporary twist, reflecting our values of cultural heritage, legacy, and community.

The winning design, created by Claire Fowler, incorporates our signature colour palette and a modern chevron pattern. Maddy McAuley received a commendation for her entry, which stood out in the competition.

The winning designer received the opportunity to collaborate with both Mac Mic Group and the GSA's Centre for Advanced Textiles (CAT) to bring their final printed tartan design to life. The tartan was digitally printed at CAT, whose distinguished clients include Grayson Perry, Timorous Beasties, as well as past projects for the Glasgow Commonwealth Games and Google.

Mac Mic Group had kilts made using the winning tartan design, unveiling them in celebration of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns. The kilts were crafted by Glasgow-based Slanj, a company that will celebrate 30 years in business in this year. We are thrilled to support the next generation of textile designers and celebrate a century of innovation and craftsmanship. Congratulations to all participants for their exceptional creativity and professionalism.

New leadership team appointed as Lovell launches strategic land offer

National partnership housing specialist Lovell has appointed a senior team to coincide with the launch of its Lovell Strategic Land offer. It will focus on the promotion of residential-led development, to unlock strategic and complex sites across the country, which will enable the delivery of small urban extensions, right through to vibrant, inclusive settlements.

Part of FTSE 250-listed partnerships, fit out and construction services group, Morgan Sindall Group plc, Lovell aims to bring forward key sites, from land acquisition to securing planning consent – including by promoting them through the Local Plan process – which will then be delivered by its dedicated regional teams.

Lovell creates the homes that enable people to live their best lives, working in partnership with communities and the industry, to make sure everyone has a place to call home.

The team to spearhead the Lovell Strategic Land includes:

Ashley Kensington will lead the team after she joined Lovell as **National Land Director** in 2022. She is experienced in the delivery of large residential-led schemes, having previously held a leadership position at Berkeley Group.

Catherine Wood, **Development Director**, will focus on leading the business' activity across the north of England and Scotland. She brings over 25 years' experience working in strategic land, including a decade at the helm of Gladman Scotland, part of Gladman Developments. Catherine is also a non-executive board member of registered social landlord Home Group Scotland.

Samantha Brooman, **Associate Development Director Central**, will oversee the team's projects across central England. She has worked across the public and private sector, having held roles at local authorities such as South Kesteven District Council and construction business, Tarmac.

Kieron Gregson, **Associate Development Director South**, will oversee the business' work in the South of England. He was previously part of the strategic land team at Carter Jonas where he acted on behalf of a variety of clients across the public, institutional and private sectors.

Ashley Kensington, **National Land Director at Lovell Strategic Land**, said: "Lovell Strategic Land is going into 2025 in a strong position with a range of opportunities in the pipeline. It's excellent to have such a talented team on board who will be driving the growth of this important service offer.

"We're focused on unlocking the development potential of land and accelerating the delivery of residential-led development. We pride ourselves on doing things differently, working in genuine partnership with landowners and local communities from the outset and building trusted relationships.

"In doing so, we're playing a vital role in bringing forward the housing needed across the UK today and creating new sustainable communities."

Steve Coleby, **Managing Director at Lovell**, said: "The investment in strategic land is vital to our growth plans and will help address the housing crisis and deliver much needed homes across the UK. It's a key part of our mission to create great homes and places, through meaningful trusted partnerships.

"Lovell Strategic Land will focus on the promotion of residential-led development in our business, which will be crucial when we deliver on providing affordable homes across the country. We are looking forward to working with our partners on our new launch whose expertise and insights will ensure we make this a success."



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STRATEGIC LAND

Residential and commercial plans submitted in Leicestershire

Richborough and Richborough Commercial have both submitted outline planning applications for land off Midlands Road in Ellistown, north west Leicestershire.

Our residential plans for land west of Midland Road propose up to 75 new market and affordable homes public open space and a children's play area. **For more details contact Anabel Christmas: anabel.christmas@richborough.co.uk**

Our commercial plans for land east of Midland Road propose up to 314,000 sq ft of employment space within Use Classes B2 (general industrial) and B8 (storage or distribution) with ancillary E(g)(i) (business) floorspace, together with habitat creation landscaping and associated infrastructure. **For more details contact Nick Jones nick.jones@richborough.co.uk**



The site is adjacent to Bardon Hill and is some 3.5 miles from Junction 22 of the M1.

Raft of new appointments and promotions

Richborough has welcomed several new team members and made well-deserved promotions to support our ambitious growth plans. From left to right in the photo:

Mel Slaney-Smith been appointed as Senior Disposals Manager, to support with the disposal of land to residential and commercial development partners.

Kirren Channa is our new Urban Designer, to help design creative, high quality and deliverable schemes.

Matt Parry MRTPI has been appointed as Planning Delivery Director, to oversee our increasing number of residential planning applications from submission through to determination.

Harry Boniface has been promoted to Land and Planning Manager for the Midlands, one of our busiest regions.

Connor Wigley has joined as Planning Manager, to support our growth plans across the North of England.

Charlotte Gilham has been promoted to Senior Technical Coordinator in recognition of her role as an integral member of our technical team.

Briony Stenhouse and Grace Sadler have both moved to our new Planning Delivery function, supporting our new Planning Delivery Director Matt Parry.

Cameron Cook has been promoted to the role of Innovation & Technology Manager to lead on our evolution of technology and AI.

Matt Dugdale has been promoted to Planning Director at Richborough Commercial, to oversee planning strategies, applications and appeals.

Harry Jackson been promoted to Regional Director for our growing North region, after securing a string of quality acquisitions and key site sales.



A successful start to 2025

It has been a very busy, and successful, month for Gleeson Land. At the start of January we secured consent and have since gone to market for the first Grey Belt release site, located in Billericay Essex. Having worked proactively with council officers at Basildon Council, we received a resolution to grant planning permission at Committee.



A highly sustainable grey belt scheme, the development will provide a number of benefits to the local area including ;

- Delivery of up to 250 much needed high-quality homes, of which 50% will be affordable housing split between Affordable, Social Rented, First Homes and Shared Ownership.
- Creation of 7.8ha of open space for the benefit of both existing residents and future occupiers including formal and informal space, play facilities and walking routes
- Circa £1.5m of S106 contributions which will aid local transport, open space, culture and play, healthcare and employment & skills

The team also secured planning permission via appeal for 65 new homes in the village of Crowle in Wychavon District. The Inspector issued the decision just before the new NPPF was published in a District where the HLS is under 3 years so the requirement for new homes in a sustainable village outweighed the limited landscape harm.

Planning approval was granted for our site in Crewkerne by Somerset Council. Our expert team managed to overcome and find answers for this complex scheme, namely finding a solution for the phosphate neutrality problem which is a prevalent local dilemma. A site available for immediate development, it will allow for 67 dwellings including meeting the affordable homes requirement as well as contributing towards local infrastructure via the Community Infrastructure Levy.



We recently commenced marketing our residential development in Templecombe, Somerset which is a 26 acres scheme with a resolution to grant outline planning permission for up to 140 dwellings, and, at Lower Broadbridge Farm in the Horsham district where we secured outline planning permission for 133 residential units. It is situated on the Western edge of Broadbridge Heath, a sought-after village in the heart of West Sussex benefiting from high quality schools as well as enjoying the South Downs National Park nearby.

We also gained a new promotion agreement with a valued landowner client in West Northamptonshire, a significant boost to our growth strategy in the Central region as well as another promotional agreement for the Southern region in Winchester district.

Our site at Blackmore Farm, Melksham also received a **unanimous** resolution to grant subject S106 agreement. This site which will provide a delivery of up to 500 homes, forms the majority of the evolving allocation in the emerging Local Plan which has been submitted for examination.



Lastly, we would like to introduce a new member to the team, Daniel Pickering as our new Senior Technical Manager in the Western region.

Daniel will oversee all technical aspects associated with securing new opportunities and work closely with the land and planning teams to successfully deliver planning consents which maximise value for our customers and their communities.



Outline Planning Permission Submitted for 270 new homes



Wates Developments has submitted an outline planning application for up to 270 new homes in Ashted, Surrey, with its' Vistry Group partners.

Plans for the site will bring forward vital, high-quality homes – 108 of which will be affordable and include a new community building and public green spaces on land south of Ermyn Way.

This will be a critical development for Mole Valley District Council (MVDC), where 833 new homes a year are required to meet Government targets.

Only 163 new homes were added in the year to March 2024, so our development in Ashted will be significant, in delivering a third of MVDC's annual target.

Our proposals are in full accordance with the adopted Mole Valley Local Plan (MVLP), which allocated the site for development – making effective and efficient use of the land with new homes, gypsy and traveller pitches, community space including nursery provision and public open space.

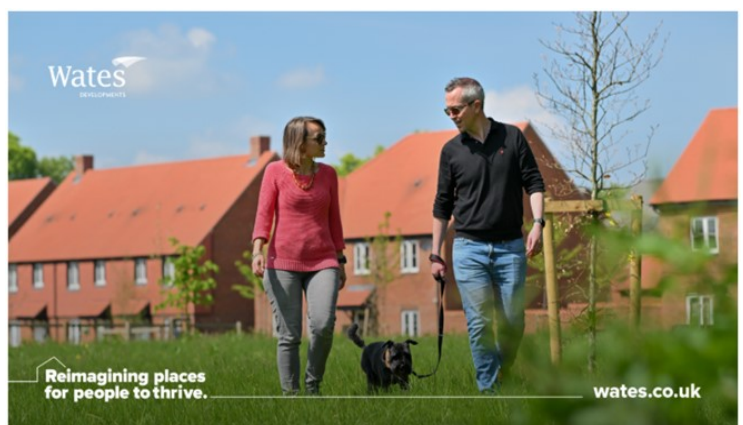
Proposals have been carefully shaped to ensure there is no significant impact on Green Belt land, and are committed to providing a high-quality, Net Zero development that reduces carbon emissions and enhances the resilience of the development to a changing climate.

Six months on: delivering sustainability at Wates Developments

At Wates Developments, sustainability isn't a buzzword – it's at the heart of everything we do. Six months ago, we launched our sustainability strategy, setting bold goals to address the climate and biodiversity emergencies, tackle social inequality, and deliver greater value for our landowners.

The first six months have been about embedding these principles into our operations and setting the groundwork for transformational change. Some key milestones have included:

- Developing a Placemaking and Inclusion Framework
- Water efficiency and biodiversity gains
- Pioneering embodied carbon assessments



Our Sustainability and Engagement Director, Olivia Dear, recently reflected on the key milestones we've achieved so far and the transformative initiatives shaping our future, to build a legacy for future generations. To read more, please visit our [LinkedIn page](#).

Together, we can strengthen the fabric of society – one development at a time.