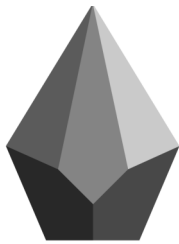




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Welcome to the Land, Planning and Development Federation Good News Bulletin.

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



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A Summer of Submissions for LPDF newcomers Obsidian

New members Obsidian Strategic have had a busy summer, they have submitted 3 major outline planning applications in recent weeks with another 2 applications to follow in early Autumn. The applications will total over 800 much needed new homes, together with other wider community benefits including a new school, community centre, and sports and recreation facilities.

Oliver Myerson, Managing Director said: *“Our planning team, led by Ben Johnson, Luke Garrett and Stephanie Walker have done a fantastic job to prepare these applications in such a short space of time. The applications all reflect a high quality design, contain a minimum of policy compliant affordable homes and truly demonstrate our commitment to a landscape led approach by mostly providing in 20%+ Biodiversity Net Gain.*

We look forward to continuing our engagement with stakeholders and the Local Planning Authorities in the coming months.”



Richborough Launches New Scheme to Develop Junior Talent for the Industry

National land promoter Richborough has launched the 'Richborough Pathway', a new scheme to develop its new junior starters in the land and planning industry. With the industry expected to grow rapidly over the coming months, following the change in government and possible changes to planning legislation, Richborough is keen to help foster new talent, building broad skills and knowledge across all operational departments.

The company has developed the interactive 'Richborough Pathway' programme in response, allowing room for support, discussion and software training along the way. Each new Assistant Land & Planning Manager (ALPM) will spend six months with different sections of the business covering acquisitions, technical and disposals, giving them a wide view and experience of the varying functions, from networking and land studies to masterplanning and tackling constraints.

Karuna Bhatia, People and HR Business Partner for Richborough said: "Each new ALPM will be assigned a specific region so they'll have a line manager with them the whole time as they rotate through the different functions of the process. The scheme will allow us to build our fresh talent from the grass roots, which will then be part of the Richborough DNA."

Ollie Wilkins is the first to undertake the scheme having recently joined Richborough's South-East region. Ollie has

previously undertaken internships at Lone Star Group, Spitfire Homes and Savills and is eager to learn from Richborough as a leading national land promoter in both the residential and logistics markets.

Rhys Tupper, Senior Land and Planning Manager and Ollie's line manager added: "With Richborough's continued growth we're keen to develop our people to help them find the right area for them and learn best practice on the way. Many of the Richborough team started out in the industry on a similar scheme and it's so important to offer mentorship to the next generation. We're thrilled to have Ollie join the team and we've already started going through the process with him."



In the photo: Rhys Tupper, Ollie Wilkins and Karuna Bhatia

New Promotion Agreement Signed for Bletchley

Richborough has exchanged a promotion agreement for more than 45 acres of land in Bletchley, Milton Keynes.

The site is located south of Drayton Road in Newton Leys and has the potential to deliver around 320 new homes to the area.

Marc Wilson, regional director at Richborough, said: "Thanks to our planning, design and technical teams who have extensively researched the site to determine its potential as a sustainable and attractive place to live. We look forward to working the landowner to deliver best value for them and all stakeholders."

Andrew Wright, Head of Land, Planning & Development at Kirkby Diamond said, 'The site attracted a significant amount of interest but Richborough's detailed and considered offer helped provide reassurance to ourselves and the landowner. We wish Richborough good luck moving forward with the planning.'

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Site Sold with Planning for 85 Homes to Stonebond



Gladman, working alongside Finn's 1865, are delighted to announce that we have completed the sale of land in Blean, Canterbury, Kent to Fernham Homes. Gladman secured outline planning permission for a development of up to 85 dwellings on behalf of the landowners.

LPDF Summer Party

A huge thank you to all our members and affiliates who turned out in a mixture of British weather to support us at our summer party at Wagtail Rooftop Bar and Restaurant. It was our biggest to date with exactly 300 attendees!

We hope you all had an enjoyable afternoon and details of our upcoming events can be found on our [website](#).

