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Wates Living Space shortlisted as finalist for the 2010 Sustainable Housing Awards

Wates Living Space has been shortlisted in the “Sustainable Social Housing Contractor of the Year” category of The Sustainable Housing Awards 2010, organised by Inside Housing magazine and its sister publication Sustainable Housing.

This awards scheme focuses on the best “green” social housing projects constructed in the UK, and the organisations responsible for them. The trophies will be presented at a suitably “eco” awards ceremony at the Hilton Hotel in London’s Park Lane on Friday 22nd October.

Ian Burnett, Managing Director for Wates Living Space said “we are absolutely delighted to have been shortlisted for the Sustainable Social Housing Contractor of the Year award again this year. As a business we are committed to reducing the impact our works have on the local environment, we have a number of programmes in place that not only look at the way we design and build but also to influence the way we behave, as an organisation and as individuals to ensure year on year reductions in our carbon emissions.

“It has been a fantastic year of achievement for us as part of the Wates Group being awarded Major Contractor of the Year at the recent Building Awards for the second year running as well as being listed in the Sunday Times Top 50 Green Companies and the Top 100 Best Companies to work for.”

Ted Stevens, *Inside Housing's* events director, and the organiser of the awards said: "We've had a terrific response, with hundreds of entries and Wates Living Space has done brilliantly to get shortlisted from such a huge field. Britain is leading the way on sustainable housing and innovative building techniques so we're delighted we're able to organise a ceremony to reward that organisations that are delivering best practice".

Last year nearly 500 people attended the event, which was hosted by channel 4's news anchorman Jon Snow, and in 2008 Alistair MacGowan was the master of ceremonies. This year's event is expected to be hosted by comedian, actor and keen climate change campaigner Marcus Brigstocke.

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Notes to Editors

- Wates is one of the UK's largest family-owned construction services and development companies. Established in 1897, it remains privately owned by the Wates Family. Wates employs over 2000 people and had a turnover of £945 million in 2009.
- Part of the family owned Wates Group, Wates Living Space is one of the UK's leading affordable housing contractors, working with RSLs and ALMOs we build or refurbish in the region of 20,000 homes for residents each year through the New Build and decent homes programme.
- Wates Living Space was awarded Contractor of the Year at the Housing Excellence Awards and Sustainable Contractor of the Year at the Inside Housing Sustainable Housing Awards in 2009.

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