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Home secretary launches regeneration works in Maidenhead

Tomorrow will see Home Secretary Theresa May join councillors and other local stakeholders to celebrate the start of regeneration works at Maidenhead's Kidwells estate.

One Housing Group is redeveloping the Kidwells estate, where existing housing falls short of the Government's Decent Homes Standard, to provide 204 new high quality homes, including 75 homes for affordable rent, nine for shared ownership and 120 for private sale and rent.

Home Secretary and Minister for Women and Equalities, Theresa May, added: "I'm pleased to be able to mark the start of this important redevelopment. I know there has been a lot of discussion and consideration about what the new buildings should be like and I hope that when the work is finished residents will see a real improvement and will see that the disruption has been worth it."

Work has now started on the first phase of the project, which will provide 84 new homes by October 2012. Works are being carried out by Wates Living Space and are taking place over three phases to allow residents to continue to minimise the disruption caused to existing residents. Final completion is scheduled for 2015.

Residents will benefit from new outdoor communal areas such as a children's playground, communal area for social activities and landscaped gardens.

Jonny Wates, Director of Wates Group, said: "we are delighted to be delivering this exciting scheme providing much needed affordable housing in Maidenhead. We are proud to be working once again with One Housing Group and the local community to deliver a development that will make a lasting difference to the local area."

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Notes to editors

One Housing Group is a leading provider of affordable housing, care and support. Managing over 13,000 homes in 26 London boroughs and surrounding counties, we also help over 4,000 people to live safely and independently.

A not for profit organisation, we are committed to delivering new homes to meet the country's housing shortage. Over the past two years One Housing Group provided 2,500 new homes and we're on course to deliver 4,500 over the next four years. We offer a wide range of housing options, including homes for affordable rent, private sale and shared ownership.

As well as providing high quality homes and excellent support, One Housing Group works hard to make a positive difference to residents' lives. We offer a range of community projects, courses and initiatives to help people gain new skills, become more confident and benefit from new opportunities.

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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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