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Partnership Provides Affordable Properties in Tendring Peninsula

CHELMER Housing Partnership (CHP), the largest developing housing association in Essex, and its partners are to build 39 affordable housing properties on a former school site in Clacton-on-Sea.

The scheme – in partnership with one of the UK’s foremost house builders, Persimmon Homes and leading real estate service provider, Savills – will be constructed in the Tendring district on the site of the former Leas Road School.

Providing much needed affordable housing to the area, the scheme - due to be handed over in 2010 - will be the first development built in Clacton-on-Sea by CHP and its partners.

On completion the Leas Road development will provide a mixture of two, three, and four bedroom houses and two bedroom flats for social rent and New Build HomeBuy; or shared ownership.

David Cotterill, CHP Director of Development, said: “As an affordable housing provider we are delighted to be working alongside two of the construction industries finest companies.

“It is fantastic that we are expanding our area of operations and developing throughout Essex as affordable housing is required more than ever due to the economic situation.”

“This scheme is evidence of how close partnership working can create affordable family accommodation that is sustainable, while assisting with the economic growth of Clacton-on-Sea,” added Barbara Richardson, Director of Housing Investment at Savills.

John Richardson, Construction Director at Persimmon Homes, commented: “We are looking forward to working with the partners in providing a wide variety of much needed good quality, yet affordable housing in the Clacton area, which we believe will enable local buyers to either move comfortably onto or up the property ladder.”

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CHP:

Based in the county town of Chelmsford, CHP is a non-profit housing association in Essex. CHP is one of about 2,000 housing associations in the UK, who provide affordable housing to rent and buy.

The formal development agreement between CHP and Savills is the first of its kind and is designed to help meet the Government's 2020 housing-building targets, by opening up development opportunities.

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