

EHA GROUP BUILDS 106 HOMES AHEAD OF PROGRAMME

EHA Group has completed the construction of 106 new homes with all units finished ahead of programme. Located on the Old Belfast Road in Bangor, Killaire Wood Lane makes use of a previous green field site and has been transformed into a brand new community by EHA Group on behalf of Choice Housing.

The construction of the stylish two and three storey homes began in April 2016 as well as the construction of several specially designed bungalows, specifically designed for the tenants' needs. As well as the construction of these homes, infrastructure was required including roads, drainage and a large amount of landscaping.

The success of the project was a testament to the work of the Site Team. Overcoming a number of environmental challenges posed by the site, Killaire Wood Lane still progressed at a rapid rate and will create a hugely positive impact on the lives of many families.

Robin McClure, EHA Contract Manager commented; "There were a few challenges on this project. There are wetlands and water courses on the perimeters of the site which had to be maintained to avoid environmental

problems. Existing trees on the site also had to be maintained and protected for the duration of the build. In addition to that, on the border of the site we had our old friend, Japanese Knotweed. We had to maintain an exclusion zone to prevent cross contamination. A council graveyard is located at the other side of the site that obviously came with its own sensitivities as well.

"We were ahead of schedule and handed over approximately 44 units in phase three in December, so that's 44 families with new homes just before Christmas. They were able to enjoy that with their families and there's a certain satisfaction in that."

Commenting on the partnership, Paula Conway, Senior Development Officer Choice Housing said; "From the beginning of this build it was clear that EHA understood Choice's vision for this project. EHA's Contract Manager brought a wealth of social housing experience to the table and was instrumental in the co-ordination and management of the many and varied issues that have arisen on a building project of this scale.



"Killaire Wood Lane at Old Belfast Road was Choice's first development project with EHA and represents the fruits of a new relationship built on mutual respect, trust and professionalism."

EHA Group currently has five social housing projects live across Northern Ireland, including a second family housing scheme for Choice. EHA has signed a contract to deliver houses to Clanmil Housing Association which involves the construction of a new social housing scheme at the site of the old Downe Hospital in Downpatrick.

The construction firm is building a further three social schemes in Harryville Ballymena, Springfield Road, Belfast and Trench Road Derry with a total of 339 homes under construction, as well as a private residential project in Derraghly creating 46 new luxury homes. Additionally, contracts have been signed to construct a new Caffè Nero outlet at Crescent Link Retail Park.

Works continue in England on the Group's private residential projects in London's Mayfair, Plymouth City Centre and Rye Lane Peckham.



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