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First Wessex celebrate the completion of new homes in Thornhill

First Wessex celebrated the completion of their latest exciting development of 14 new affordable homes at Sheridan Close, Thornhill and the successful partnership with Southampton City Council and Thornhill Plus You which is part of the councils exciting wider Estate Regeneration Plan.

In total 30 new affordable family houses, have been built to a good environmental standard with a further 89 in the pipe line (subject to planning), including 43 new affordable homes at Hinkler Parade, as part of the councils' Estate Regeneration pilot project

Peter Walters, Chief Executive of First Wessex said:

"We are very pleased to announce the completion of these new houses on Sheridan Close, Thornhill and to promote our work with the council and Thornhill Plus You on other similar projects. Demand for affordable housing in the Southampton area is very high and we are proud to continue to work closely with local authorities and other partners to ensure our new homes are aligned to the housing needs and desires of local communities."

Councillor Phil Williams Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services added:

"It was good to welcome Paula Hewes to her new home and great to see much needed new family homes coming to the city. We are working with First Wessex to deliver the Gantry site improvements as well as redeveloping Hinkler Parade around the corner from this development and I really see this as just the start."

First Wessex have so far completed four projects provided 30 new affordable family houses in Thornhill, these projects included: six 2-bed bungalows on Warburton Road, six 2 and 3 bed houses on Byron Road, fourteen 2-3 bed houses on Sheridan Close and four 3 bed houses on Proctor Close.

Work will start in the new year subject to planning on a further 89 affordable houses on Thornhill including: three new 2 bed houses and two 2 bed bungalows on the site of the Swallow Public House, a further seven 2-3 and four bed houses and three 2 bed bungalows on Sheridan Close, forty-three houses on Hinkler Parade and eighteen flats and thirty houses on the St Colmans site.

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Attachment Details: Allen Smith, Chair of First Wessex Development board, Cllr Phil Williams and new resident Paula Hewes outside Paula's new home.



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Notes to Editors

First Wessex manages around 17,000 affordable homes primarily in Hampshire and with some activity in Surrey. www.firstwessex.org

The group comprises Atlantic Housing Limited, First Atlantic Housing, Pavilion Housing Association, Portsmouth Housing Association, Fernhill Care Limited and Wessex Property Limited.

Portsmouth Housing Association: provides homes in Portsmouth, Fareham, Gosport and Havant. It also provides a wide range of community regeneration services across South East Hampshire.

Atlantic Housing and First Atlantic Housing: provide a full range of affordable housing including rented, supported, shared ownership and key worker housing. A large support portfolio includes housing for older people, extra-care housing, dementia care housing, housing for people with learning disabilities, people recovering from mental illness and

some specialist accommodation. They cover a geographic area spanning Eastleigh, Southampton, Winchester and the New Forest.

Pavilion Housing Association: the largest provider of housing association homes for rent in the Aldershot, Farnborough, Ash and Farnham areas.

Fernhill Care: provides care services for tenants of First Wessex Housing Group and other landlords and for individuals in the community with support needs. It specialises in domiciliary, extra- and dementia care.

Wessex Property Limited: the group's in-house repairs and maintenance organisation.