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More affordable homes planned

PLANS are in progress to build 38 more affordable homes in Horsham.

Horsham District Council has recently completed the sale of the former David Bryce Club in Horsham with a simultaneous sale by West Sussex County Council of the adjoining Bryce Lodge Site to Saxon Weald Homes Ltd.

The move is part of a wider partnership approach to achieve a comprehensive residential development of the organisations' respective land holdings.

The property was surplus to requirements following the relocation of the day centre facility to Lavinia House in Duke's Square, Denne Road, Horsham in October 2007.

Saxon Weald proposes to construct 38 dwellings for affordable housing use.

This will provide a much needed boost to meet Horsham District Council's targets for providing affordable homes in the district.

If planning permission is approved in May, work is expected to start on site by September with completion by November 2011.

Cllr Andrew Baldwin, Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Development at Horsham District Council, said:

"It is great news that this has finally concluded after a lot of hard work and lengthy negotiations.

"Horsham District Council is committed to providing as many affordable homes as we possibly can to help address the needs of local people.

"The proposal is for homes of a very high standard which most importantly meet Level 5 of the Code for Sustainable Homes."

West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Adults' Services Peter Catchpole said:

"West Sussex County Council is delighted to be working in partnership with Horsham District Council and Saxon Weald to develop supported and affordable housing by pooling our land resources.

"The supported flats will enable five people with learning difficulties or other needs to live independently with 24 hour support in a mixed neighbourhood."

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