

## New affordable housing development opened by Mayor of Wolverhampton



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A new affordable housing development in Wolverhampton has been officially opened by the Mayor of Wolverhampton.

The development in Willenhall consists of 10 bungalows, 22 apartments and eight accessible two storey houses that have been specifically designed to house families who require wheelchair access, which have been designed, manufactured and built by Accord Housing Association; the homes will all be for affordable rent and managed by the organisation.

Out of the 40 homes, 10 of those are over 55s bungalows and eight are houses with access for wheelchair users. This affordable rent development aims to help address local and specific housing need on what was a redundant brownfield site, where a parade of shops was demolished in 2012.

Councillor Claire Darke, Mayor of Wolverhampton said: "A great city is made up of great people, and those great people need somewhere decent to call home, so it was with great pleasure we went to the official opening of Accord's new development in Portobello. Situated just off the Keyway, the development has been built using the latest technologies, and is very eco-friendly and efficient to run."

Chris Handy, Chief Executive at Accord added: "This was a site that Wolverhampton City Council wanted to use for development for some time, and by working closely with the local authority we were able to provide housing to meet the needs for local people.

"There was a high demand for all of these properties, and the final tenants will finish moving in this week. There is already a wonderful sense of community being established.

"The development was designed by our in-house design team, InDesign, manufactured by our LoCaL Homes offsite

construction facility, and then built by us. This is a unique development, which has already been shortlisted for two national awards.â

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