

Accord delivers £21.2m development of affordable homes in Coseley despite

Work on a £21.2m development of new affordable homes in Coseley has completed.

Owned by Accord Housing Association, the substantial development off Darkhouse Lane has transformed a former factory site into 142 homes for local people. The new homes are a combination of one and two bedroom apartments and two, three and four bedroom houses for affordable rent.

The new homes have been constructed by builder Jessup Brothers using timber frames manufactured by LoCaL Homes, Accord's award winning offsite manufacturing facility in Walsall which specialises in creating high quality, high performance, low carbon housing solutions.

Sara Woodall, Executive Director of Homes and Communities at Accord said: "We are so pleased to have delivered these much needed, high quality, affordable homes for local people. The development was in the final stages when the lockdown measures were announced, however, our team worked really hard to ensure everyone was kept safe and that the new residents could continue to move in without delay."

The multi million pound project is the result of partnership working between Accord and Dudley MBC and received £5.9m funding from Homes England.

Councillor Laura Taylor, cabinet member for housing, communities and residents' welfare, said: "I'm really pleased to see this site come to fruition. Accord has transformed the site of the old factory by delivering 142 much needed homes for local families, despite the impact of Covid-19. We are really proud our successful partnership has brought such a positive impact to the area."

Accord chief executive Dr Chris Handy added: "The lack of affordable housing across the country is a significant challenge and this development is part of our plans to deliver an additional 2,257 affordable homes within the West Midlands by 2024. It has been a delight in working with Dudley Council who have had a progressive and ambitious attitude to the project throughout.

"As an organisation we are committed to building new affordable homes for individuals and families across the region. We firmly believe that every person has the right to a home - a place where they can feel safe and secure."

Work started on site in March 2018 with all homes now occupied.