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## **First homes at Alconbury Weald**

### **Hopkins Homes in partnership with Urban&Civic to create Ermine Village**

Urban&Civic has reached its next important milestone at Alconbury Weald, with the signing of its first housebuilder and the submission of an application to build the first 128 homes.

Hopkins Homes are working in partnership with Urban&Civic to develop the first houses on site. The development parcel extends to just over 18 hectares of residential land, and lies among extensive landscaping which includes the planting of over 18,000 trees. The houses will also sit next to the first primary school, which will be opening in September 2016.

The development will establish the first residential community at Alconbury Weald site and be called Ermine Village. As further parcels are brought forward the village will extend to 1000 homes and include the site's first retail and community spaces.

Tim Leathes, Development Director for Urban&Civic, said:

“This is good progress and keeps our delivery on track for the first homes at Alconbury Weald alongside the first primary school. In Hopkins Homes, we are confident that we have found a partner who shares our focus on high quality design.

“I am particularly pleased that we are working with a local house builder, who has a long term commitment to quality housing in the area and who is equally passionate in supporting our jobs and skills targets through the construction process.”

Hopkins Homes is the largest independent house builder in East Anglia, providing much-needed new homes across Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex. Simon Bryan, Development Director at Hopkins Homes, said:

“We are delighted to have been chosen as the house building partner by Urban&Civic to build the first new houses at Alconbury Weald. The first phase will establish the gateway into the wider development.

“All Hopkins Homes developments are founded on a commitment to excellent design and quality that reflects the tradition and character of each community.

“Our plans comprise 128 high quality new homes in a suitable mix of sizes and styles – ranging from two to five bedroom properties.

“The vision for Ermine Village is to create a sustainable community that will benefit new residents and the existing local community. We look forward to making this vision become a reality and begin the development of Alconbury Weald.”

In addition to building new homes, Hopkins Homes also creates, supports and sustains many hundreds of jobs locally and regionally, both directly and indirectly, through the design and construction of the homes as well as the materials supply chains and local service providers. This will be integrated within Alconbury Weald's National Skills Academy for Construction with the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB).

Local contractor J Breheny has nearly completed the infrastructure needed for the homes – including roads, power, water systems and digital connections. The next stage will be to punch through the security fencing that runs around the site and open up a new residential access which will serve the first homes, before the Southern Gateway is put in place for the wider development.

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