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NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OPENS IN TOTTON

Eight new 1 and 2 bedroom flats on Salisbury Road, Totton, built for Atlantic Housing Ltd, were officially opened by Matt le Tissier on 9th June.

Members of Atlantic Housing, the New Forest District Council, developers Daintree and contractors Broadleaf Homes joined Matt le Tissier in celebrating the completion of the flats, which are built for affordable renting.

The property, previously used for refugee supported housing by Atlantic was identified for redevelopment several years ago as there was no demand for refugee housing in this area. The original dwelling was then replaced by a single block of eight flats with a parking area to the front and a private garden to the rear. There are six two bedroom flats on the ground and first floors, and two one bedroom flats on the second floor.

Peter Walters, Chief Executive of Atlantic Housing Explained: "There is a high demand for affordable housing in the New Forest district. We have worked very closely throughout the project with the New Forest District Council, which has resulted in a high quality purpose built development which will help ease the housing shortage."

Lynne Crocker, Housing Strategy and Development Manager, New Forest District Council adds: "New Forest District Council is delighted that this once under utilised property has been redeveloped into modern and affordable homes for local people. This scheme has been built to very high environmental standards and residents will benefit from cheaper fuel bills whilst reducing their carbon footprint. Atlantic Housing is a preferred development partner of the Council and we will continue to work with them in partnership, to provide affordable family homes in our district"

The flats were built by Broadleaf Homes, with grant funding received from the Housing Corporation and New Forest District Council. The allocations for new homes were through the new Forest District Council choice based lettings scheme.

Work started on site in February 2007 and was completed in February 2008.

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Notes to Editors

First Wessex Housing Group manages around 17,000 affordable homes primarily in Hampshire and with some activity in Surrey.

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.

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