



**Press release**

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**One Housing Group (OHG) granted planning permission  
to transform the Kidwells estate**

The transformation of the Kidwells Estate in Maidenhead moved another step closer this week, with OHG being granted permission for their planning application.

This is however subject to an agreement being reached in January on contributions towards coping with increased pressure on local services, such as transport, education and public spaces. Discussions are currently underway between OHG and the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead's planning team to agree on the amount.

Existing housing on the estate does not meet the Government's Decent Homes Standard and One Housing Group plans to demolish existing housing and rebuild the whole site to create a landmark mixed tenure development.

The scheme will feature a series of high quality apartment blocks providing a mix of one, two, three and four bed homes and a new communal space at the heart of the development. The development will feature 204 new homes including 75 general needs properties for rent to existing tenants, nine shared ownership properties and 120 homes for private sale and rent.

Alan Williams, Group Development Director at One Housing Group, said: "We are delighted to have received planning consent and look forward to starting work to transform the Kidwells Estate into a development that will benefit not only existing residents but the local community as a whole."

OHG plan to start relocating existing residents to alternative accommodation from early in the new year and work is scheduled to commence demolishing existing housing in the summer. To minimise disruption to residents, works will be carried out in three phases

and will be expected to take five years to complete.

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### **Notes**

**One Housing Group** currently manages over 12,000 homes in 26 local authorities across London and adjacent counties, with over 2,700 homes in the development pipeline. These include shared ownership schemes; intermediate rent homes for key workers, affordable rented homes and homes for outright sale.

Community Housing Association, Island Homes and Toynbee Housing Association joined to form One Housing Group in September 2007.

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