



MEDIA RELEASE

Cala homes starts on site at Brooklands Grove

Cala Homes has begun construction at its highly-anticipated Brooklands Grove development in Weybridge, Surrey, with sales expected to launch in early 2025.

320 new homes will be built at the development, 40 per cent (128) of which will be available through affordable tenures including First Homes, shared ownership and affordable rent. The site's historic Grade II Listed Brooklands Mansion will also be regenerated to deliver 15 new apartments under the plans, restoring the historic mansion to its former residential use.

The plans, which met the threshold for Green Belt 'very special circumstances' outlined in the National Planning Policy Framework, were approved by Members in line with an officer recommendation and will secure a £45m investment into Brooklands College, securing its long term future by helping it finance its debt obligations and upgrade its teaching facilities.

Through its Urban Wildlife Strategy, Cala will also introduce measures to support and protect wildlife on the site. This will include bird nesting features, hedgehog highways, invertebrate bricks, bat boxes and native tree planting.

Hannah Russell, Senior Land Manager at Cala Homes Thames, said: "It's great to see work begin on this crucial development, which will not only provide much needed local housing to the people of Weybridge, but facilitate the continued future of a vital education provider.

"We anticipate this being a popular development, particularly for families looking to take advantage of the close proximity to Brooklands College, so would advise any interested parties to register their interest with our sales teams."

Additionally, the plans include a new purpose-built SEND facility for the college as well as providing a new entrance and community accessible facilities including a sports hall with four courts, community hub, public access restaurant and café and a new hair and beauty salon.

Christine Ricketts, principal of Brooklands College, said: "We are delighted to be working with Cala Homes on the redevelopment of our Weybridge campus. This is an amazing project that will ensure Brooklands College continues to be at the forefront of technical and professional education in the region by providing our students with the very latest industry standard facilities and working environments. It will also see the development of an extensive range of new community facilities on our site, greatly enhancing the local area and bringing the community and the College even closer together."

Brooklands Grove will see Cala introduce its Community Pledge at the development, a series of commitments above and beyond legal planning requirements to deliver positive, measurable social impact for the local communities in which it builds homes. It covers a range of tailored engagement activities such as volunteering, learning programmes, bursaries and donations. A Skills and Training Plan has also been agreed between Cala and the College to offer training and apprenticeship opportunities for the students of the College through the construction period.

Further information on Brooklands Grove will be available on Cala's website from summer 2024.

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Notes to Editor - Cala Group (Cala Homes and Legal & General Homes)

- Cala Group is a major UK home builder focused on building well-designed, high quality homes in prime locations throughout the South of England, the Cotswolds and Scotland.
- Cala started as the City of Aberdeen Land Association in 1875 and was the first Scottish company listed on the London Stock Market.
- Today, Cala Group is a subsidiary of Legal & General and comprises the Cala Homes and Legal & General Homes brands.
- Cala Group employs over 1,300 people across 10 offices and has around 75 live developments at any time.
- Cala was awarded the maximum 5 Star rating in the Home Builders Federation's National New Homes Customer Satisfaction Survey 2024*, for the seventh year running. The independent survey found that 93% of our customers would recommend Cala to a friend.
- In 2023 Cala Group sold 2,917 homes, resulting in a turnover of £1.3bn and profit before tax (before exceptional items and revaluations) of £112m.
- Cala is proud have Samaritans as its national charity partner. Cala's support will help to ensure that Samaritans can continue to be there for anyone who is struggling to cope. In turn, Samaritans provides training to help equip Cala's staff – as well as employees of its subcontractors – with the skills to take care of their own wellbeing and that of their colleagues.
- Cala has made a commitment to help fight the effects of climate change on the planet by:
 - Building homes that are operationally net zero carbon enabled before 2030.
 - Reaching net zero greenhouse gas emissions in line with the Scottish Government's 2045 target and ahead of UK Government's 2050 target.

For further information visit www.cala.co.uk or www.landghomes.com