



## Good News Bulletin Edition 57 — April 2026

Welcome to the Land, Planning and Development Federation Good News Bulletin.

Published on a monthly basis the Federation wishes to recognise and celebrate the good work achieved by our full members.

Thank you to everyone who has supplied content and congratulations on your success.

### SLG completes sale of Lincolnshire site to Newett Homes

The Strategic Land Group (SLG) has completed the sale of a 74-home residential development site in Kirton in Lindsey, Lincolnshire, to Newett Homes, having secured planning permission for the scheme.

The 10.4-acre site, located on the edge of Kirton in Lindsey, benefits from detailed consent for a high-quality residential development incorporating green spaces, tree planting, a children's play area and a 10 per cent biodiversity net gain. Planning permission was secured following two successful appeals, both made after refusals by the local authority contrary to officer recommendation

SLG worked closely with North Lincolnshire Council to bring the site forward, with the scheme evolving through consultation with local residents, including revisions to footpath connections to nearby open spaces. The new development will help to meet local housing demand in a sustainable and well-connected location.

**Paul Smith, Managing Director of The Strategic Land Group, said:** *"We're pleased have been able to play a role in bringing forward much-needed new homes in Kirton in Lindsey. This is a well-located site on the edge of an established community and will no doubt prove a desirable place to live for buyers seeking high-quality homes with access to local amenities and green space."*



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The sale underlines SLG's continued success in identifying and delivering residential development opportunities across the UK. The land promoter is actively promoting sites with the potential to deliver almost 4,000 homes with a combined GDV of circa £1.2bn.



## Richborough agrees multi-million-pound debt facility with Homes England

Richborough, a leading independent land promoter, has agreed a multi-million-pound debt facility with Homes England. This facility aims to accelerate Richborough's planning application activity and support the delivery of the government's target to deliver 1.5 million homes this Parliament.

The flexible facility will fund continued investment in new sites and planning applications across England, growing the supply of consented land for SMEs, housing associations and major housebuilders to build much-needed new homes.

In 2026 alone, Richborough plans to submit more than 30 applications for schemes totalling around 12,500 new homes. This follows a strong 2025 in which the business submitted applications for around 9,000 homes and completed sales to housebuilders including Barratt Redrow, Bellway, Bromford, Charles Church, Vistry Group and Taylor Wimpey.

This investment marks one of the first commitments made through Homes England's newly established National Housing Bank, the government's new vehicle for supporting long-term placemaking and housing delivery. Operating as part of Homes England, the Bank provides flexible, government-backed financing across funds, platforms, and partnerships to unlock housing and regeneration projects, attracting private investment and accelerating delivery at scale.

**Simon Century, Chief Executive Officer for the National Housing Bank, said:** *"Homes England works with partners who share our ambition to accelerate the delivery of quality homes in the places they are needed most. Our loan with Richborough, supported through the National Housing Bank, demonstrates our commitment to enabling housing delivery where it can have the greatest impact."*

**Paul Campbell, Chief Executive at Richborough, added:** *"We are delighted to partner with Homes England to scale Richborough's impact for housing delivery. Decision times for major planning applications are taking three times longer now than in 2014\* and against this backdrop, flexible long-term capital is essential. This facility gives us the confidence to invest earlier in more sites, maintain momentum through the planning process, and bring forward high quality, well designed schemes that can be built quickly once consented."*

## Plans submitted in Solihull

Richborough has submitted an outline planning application for a new neighbourhood in Knowle, Solihull.

The scheme will provide up to 300 high-quality new homes including significant affordable housing provision and the masterplan is supported by a design code, to embed the proposals and ensure delivery. Proposals include a new community park with the potential for a sports pitch, equipped areas of play, informal play-on-the-way areas, a community orchard and spaces for nature and ecological biodiversity. New and improved pedestrian links will also connect to existing routes into Knowle.

**Katie Saunders, Regional Manager at Richborough, said:** *"Our design-led proposals respond positively to Knowle's distinctive character and reflect feedback from extensive consultation, meeting the needs of the local community."*



*Combined with modern, sustainable principles, the scheme is designed to integrate seamlessly, and we look forward to working closely with Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and consultees as the application progresses."*

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