APSE Wales: Successful Town Centre Regeneration – Housing Regeneration

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Context

- Demolition of Flint Maisonettes
- Refurbishment of Flint High Rise Apartment Blocks
- Strategic Housing And Regeneration Programme (SHARP)
- Flintshire House Standard
- Redevelopment of The Walks, Flint
- Community Investment



Demolition of the Flint Maisonettes

- 240 Council tenants decanted and re-housed to enable re-development of The Walks
- Working in partnership with Pennaf and Wales and West to rehouse people in Flint
- Refurbishment of long-term empty properties on Chester Road, Flint



Flint Hi Rise

- Extensive refurbishment of Bollingbroke, Castle and Richard Heights
- External cladding and new windows fitted
- Work completed working in partnership with tenants





Strategic Housing And Regeneration Programme (SHARP)

- Programme established June 2014
- Deliver 500 new Council (200) and Affordable (300) homes across Flintshire over next five years
- Appointment of Wates as Development Partner June 2015 following 12 competitive dialogue procurement exercise
- The Walks, Flint seen as "Flagship" scheme



Flintshire House Standard

- Working group of Council tenants, Elected Members and officers established
- Develop sustainable and flexible design and layout of new homes
- High quality specification
- Tenure neutral



The Walks, Flint

- Mixed tenure scheme 30 Council and 62 affordable rental properties
- Community consultation events held at St Mary's Church to inform scheme
- Total scheme cost £10.9M
- Start on Site 3rd May 2016 Projected completion 20th April 2018
- 62 affordable rent properties will be managed by NEW Homes Housing Company
- Development funded through a Prudential Loan From Flintshire County Council to NEW Homes









THE WALKS FLINT



VISUAL 02 GATEWAY ENTRANCE









Challenges with Developing The Walks

- Costs associated with demolition of maisonettes
- Archaeological interest in the site
- State Aid and WG guidelines
- Disruption to local residents and businesses
- Traffic Management Plan



Economic and Community Benefits

- Local supply chain
- Employment and training opportunities 4 apprentices appointed through Flintshire Future Works
- Building Future Programme LIFT / Communities First
- Local spend = 58%
- Local labour (North Wales) = 24%
- Local labour (Flintshire / Communities First) = 33%

