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HOUSING GROUP SPLASHES OUT ON BATH ROAD

Black Country Housing Group is starting work on a new Stourbridge housing development in Queens Road/Bath Road – and it's sure to further clean up the improving image of the Ring Road. The region's leading social housing provider, in conjunction with the Housing Corporation and the Low Carbon Building Programme, is building six brand new, three bedroom terraced houses in a project worth over £1 million. The properties will be available for shared ownership in May 2008.

Sandra Spence, Chief Executive of Black Country Housing Group, said: "The six terraced houses will be built to a very high specification and will benefit from environmentally friendly features such as solar panels. We pride ourselves on innovative designs and all of these houses will meet the Eco Homes Standard of Excellence and will enhance the current regeneration schemes in and around Stourbridge."

Lynda Waltho, MP for Stourbridge, said: "This eco friendly housing project will enable local first time buyers to get a much needed foot on the housing ladder through the shared ownership scheme as well as contributing to the ongoing regeneration of Stourbridge and the Ring Road area in particular."

The commencement ceremony took place with Lynda Waltho MP, Linda Sanders, Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services and Ron Sims Assistant Director for Strategy and Private Sector Housing both from Dudley MBC, Janice Ray, Senior Investment Officer at the Housing Corporation, Sharon Fereday, Development Manager at Black Country Housing Group and Janet Ayliffe, Board Member, Black Country Housing Group and representatives from Kier Partnership Homes.

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Note to Editors:

The Housing Corporation has contributed £240,294 towards the project.

Black Country Housing Group Ltd. is a leading social housing provider in Birmingham and the Black Country providing quality homes for rent and shared ownership. The Group delivers services including, training, care, community development and business advice within a wider geographical area. Having achieved preferred partner status with Sandwell and Dudley, it continues to work with other Local Authorities and organisations on a range of projects and local initiatives.

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