

Working closely with other Registered Providers



Watford Community Housing Trust

Following a competitive selection process, Watford Community Housing Trust, a Community Gateway Housing Association, and Circle entered into a Development Agency Agreement in March 2009.

From the outset, Circle's Development team has worked closely with key staff at the Trust to tailor a service which meets the needs and aspirations of the client organisation. Consequently, the Trust is now on course to deliver its objective of around 150 new homes over the next five years.

The key to this successful relationship is the identification of dedicated staff within Circle's Development team, who are focused fully on the objectives of the Trust. Our team has forged strong relationships with key staff at all levels within the Trust. By reviewing and organising all new projects through a genuinely inclusive, multi-disciplinary approach, the new developments will meet the requirements of the Trust and provide high-quality homes to its customers.

Circle's dedicated team has worked closely with the Trust and its Gateway Committee to identify new opportunities, source funding and manage consultants to undertake design and due diligence work. This has led to the creation of a tangible development pipeline of around 150 homes.

As a result of the Agency arrangement, the Trust's first new development has commenced on-site: the Turnstones project represents the redevelopment

of a redundant garage site and will deliver six new rented family homes, refurbished garages and a new community garden for a neighbouring block of flats in east Watford. As a preferred investment partner of the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), Circle has also secured grant funding on behalf of the Trust in respect of the Turnstones project.



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