



PRESS RELEASE

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Melin helps meet need for affordable homes for local people

Melin Homes welcomed local residents to an open evening in Goytre on Monday 20 October to discover more about an exciting development of new homes in the village.

The development, off School Lane, consists of 14 homes and comes at a time when rural housing has become less affordable.

The site is classed as a rural exception site and as such the homes will be reserved for people who are in housing need and have a strong local connection. Applications will firstly be considered from those living in the Goytre Community Council area followed by the surrounding communities of Llanover, Llanbadoc and Gwehelog Fawr.

The four, three and two bedroom houses, two bedroom bungalows and one bedroom apartments will be available to rent from March next year.

Applicants who qualify to rent a home may also have the opportunity to buy a property on the site, subject to qualifying criteria.

Director of Housing for Melin Homes, Alan Sinclair stressed the need to provide affordable homes in rural communities. He said:

“Providing high quality and affordable homes has many benefits. We can help people, especially families and younger people remain in the local area which enables them to continue to contribute to the community they have grown up in, rather than being forced to move away due to high house prices.”

The selection process will be carried out jointly by Monmouthshire County Council’s housing department and Melin Homes and closing date for applications is 9 January 2009.

Please call 08453 101102 or e-mail enquiries@melinhomes.co.uk for an application form. Further details, including the local connection criteria can be found at www.melinhomes.co.uk

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Notes to editors

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