



Photos show recently completed **bpha** schemes in Peterborough at Oundle Road and Nene Gate and residents at Oswald Road, Peterborough

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“With more than 8,000 people on our housing options waiting list, developments such as this remain a priority for the city council.”

**Cllr John Holdich**, Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration and Economic Development at Peterborough City Council

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## Work has begun on an £8.3m housing scheme to provide 76 new affordable homes in Peterborough.

Leading affordable housing provider **bpha** is developing the homes for affordable rent and shared ownership at Wesleyan Road, Dogsthorpe.

The scheme - supported by Peterborough City Council and the Housing Corporation - will provide a proportion of homes specifically for those from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities.

Around half the homes, which range from two-bedroom apartments to four-bedroom family homes, will be offered at affordable rents to those in greatest housing need on Peterborough City Council's housing register.

The remainder will be offered for shared ownership under the New Build HomeBuy scheme. The scheme is available to those on lower incomes, including key workers.

As the Government-appointed HomeBuy agent for Peterborough, **bpha** will offer help and advice to those interested in the homes, via its sales and marketing team Keyhomes East.

A total of 25 of the homes at Wesleyan Road will be earmarked for residents from BME communities, which are typically under-represented when it comes to accessing affordable housing. Working in partnership with specialist BME housing association, LHA - ASRA, the homes have been designed with these communities in mind to ensure they are sympathetic to religious and cultural needs. This need has been identified by Peterborough City Council's housing needs study.

David Keeling, Executive Director for Development at **bpha**, said: “We have worked closely with Peterborough City Council to ensure that the development at Wesleyan Road meets local housing needs, and look forward to welcoming the first residents as the homes are completed.”

The first homes at Wesleyan Road are due to be completed by spring 2008, with all homes completed by September 2009.

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