

Work starts on affordable homes at former school site



Midlands-based builder and developer, Seddon, has commenced work on 63 new homes on the land at former Daw End Special School in Walsall.

The Â£6.4 million scheme, which is being delivered for Accord, will create affordable rented homes for the local community.

Homes will comprise a mixture of 12 one-bed apartments, 12 two-bed apartments, 29 two-bed houses, and 10 three-bed houses.

The site at Floyds Lane, Rushall, sat vacant after the demolition of Daw End Special School in 2011. Seddon collaborated with Accord's in-house design team to gain planning permission for the disused plot.

Accord's LoCaL Homes factory is providing off site manufactured timber frame panels to construct the homes, which provide for speed of construction and maximises thermal efficiencies resulting in lower running costs for customers.

Construction work was marked by an official dated brick laying ceremony recently, which was attended by colleagues from Accord and Seddon.

Work is set to be completed and ready for tenants by summer 2018.

Alan Yates, executive director of regeneration for Accord, said: "We are pleased to confirm that by working in partnership with Walsall Council, the Homes & Communities Agency, and partnering contractor, Seddon, we are delivering 63 quality, affordable rent homes to help meet housing need."

Eamonn Burns, regional director for Seddon in the Midlands, said: "We have a long-standing history of working with housing associations in the North West and the Midlands to provide high quality social housing in the areas where it's most needed. This development is no exception and we're excited to be getting to work on transforming this

disused site into a new, thriving community.â
