



Acis Group officially opens latest development

Lincolnshire based housing association Acis Group officially opened their latest new homes development on Tuesday 13th October.

Stewart Close in Welton was opened by Acis vice-chairman Rod Must. He was joined by Stewart Close residents, District and Parish Councillors, builders, the Community Council of Lincolnshire and Acis staff and board members.

Acis, who provide over 5,000 homes across Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire, worked in partnership with a number of organisations in developing the new properties. The site was a former builder's yard owned by local builder R & SL North. This connection was extended with R & SL North being engaged to develop the site. The land was purchased in January 2008 with the aid of £1.1 million of social housing grant funding gained through the support of the Homes and Communities Agency.

The Community Council of Lincolnshire was thanked by Acis for the part they played in making Stewart Close a reality. The Community Council undertook a housing needs survey in Welton on behalf of Acis which identified 125 potential households requiring affordable housing in this area. Acis had a duty to respond to the findings of this survey and recognised the need to offer its customers the opportunity for sustainable communities and provide affordable housing for future generations of local families.

Acis chief executive, Valerie Waby, commented,

"Acis prides itself in putting people first and providing better places for people to live. The official opening of Stewart Close is a timely achievement as we celebrate our 10th anniversary on 18th October and this represents another key milestone in our history."

Building commenced in late February 2008 and is a mixed tenure development including two and three bedroom homes, with eight being for rent and eight available for shared ownership. The development has also received two nationally recognised awards, the 'Secure by Design' certificate from the Police Authority and The Eco Homes certificate.