

Press Release

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HANLEY GRANGE APPOINTS PROJECT DIRECTOR

The Hanley Grange project team has appointed Nick West as Project Director to lead the eco-town team through the next phase of development.

Nick has over 30 years' experience of leading major regeneration and development projects in the UK and overseas and has recently been responsible for securing planning permissions at two of the largest schemes in the Thames Gateway.

At Ebbsfleet, Nick helped achieve permission for a 750,000m² mixed-use scheme adjacent to the new Eurostar International Station and negotiated permission for 6,250 homes and associated employment, retail and leisure at Eastern Quarry. Both projects are now under construction.

Nick has also been involved in the Channel Tunnel and Kings Cross developments and in Hong Kong set up the Airport Railway property developments as well as developing a town for 30,000 people on a reclaimed dockyard.

At Hanley Grange, Nick will be responsible for leading a highly experienced design and sustainability team, including BDP as lead masterplanners; Arup as sustainability, transport and engineering consultants; Wardell Armstrong as environmental, renewable energy and waste consultants; RPS and Sellwood Planning as planning consultants; Savills as feasibility consultants; Bone Wells Associates as socio-economic consultants; FSquared as social sustainability consultants and Berwin Leighton Paisner as part of the legal team on behalf of the proposers of the eco-town.

Nick West said: "I am delighted to have been appointed on this fascinating project. Hanley Grange is a fantastic opportunity to deliver a world-class exemplar of sustainable and zero carbon development.

“By meeting the existing severe housing shortage with carefully designed sustainable public transport orientated development the eco-town of Hanley Grange can demonstrate how eco friendly living can be achieved. It is my intention that Hanley Grange should represent the best in sustainability, which will involve a range of proposals including local infrastructure to minimise carbon and water use, investment in public transport to reduce car use and management systems run by the residents to encourage everyone who lives in Hanley Grange to feel engaged in the future of their community.

“The scheme is still at an early stage, but with the professional team we now have in place we can begin to develop our proposals in consultation with everyone who has an interest in the scheme.”

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Note to editors

Chosen from 57 development proposals submitted to the Communities and Local Government department, Hanley Grange has been confirmed as one of 15 potential sites for new sustainable, zero carbon developments which can help to meet the Government’s priority objective of three million new houses by 2020 while also achieving the highest environmental and design standards.

A website providing more details on the project has been launched at
www.hanleygrange.co.uk.

The short-list of 15 will be reduced to 10 by the Communities and Local Government department later this year.

