

**FAKENHAM**

# Go-ahead for affordable homes project

An agreement has been reached for a £2.6 million affordable housing development in Fakenham.

Twenty four new houses are to be built on Holt Road. The development will comprise a mix of one, two, three and four bedroom accommodation built to high energy and waste efficiency standards.

It will include a children's play area, generous car parking, gardens and landscaping.

East Anglian property company Pigeon has signed an agreement with Victory Housing Trust.

The scheme will be built for Victory Housing Trust by Chalcraft, with £1m of funding being provided by North Norfolk District Council and £1.6m by Victory.

The project will make a significant contribution towards the provision of new affordable homes in the north Norfolk district.

A spokesman for Pigeon said the development will have a distinctive Norfolk character and a positive impact on the town of Fakenham, with local people benefiting from these new affordable homes.

Keith Johnson, North Norfolk District Council cabinet member for strategic housing, said: "There is a desperate need for homes in north Norfolk so this is very positive news.

"The average age for a first-time buyer is now 37 and that is not acceptable. I am really encouraged that in recent weeks applications for another 156 new homes in the district, including 90 affordable properties, have been approved."

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