

Press release: Work begins on new homes for Northampton's South West District

- Work begins on 212 new homes at Upton Park to meet the needs of local people
- The site forms part of a wider development of 860 homes
- A further 1,400 homes are proposed at Upton Lodge

Built by Morris Homes, the scheme will form part of a wider 860 home development on land owned by the Government's housing agency, Homes England, who have also invested £77 million in infrastructure for the district, including roads and parkland.

Morris will deliver a mix of apartments and two, three and four bedroom houses at the site. Alongside almost 1,000 homes which have already been built at Upton, Upton Park and Upton Lodge will collectively deliver over 2,200 new homes for people in Northampton.

Stephen Kinsella, Executive Director for Land at Homes England said: "The start on site at Upton Park marks the beginning of a new neighbourhood for Northampton.

"The development will offer a range of homes to meet the needs of local people, building on the success of the new community at Upton."

Homes England is currently seeking planning permission from Northampton Borough Council for its Upton Lodge site, which it is anticipated will deliver a further 1,400 homes for the town.

Martin O'Toole, Regional Managing Director (Eastern) from Morris Homes said: "We are delighted to be working with Homes England on this new phase of development in the village of Upton. The Upton Park development will be a welcome addition to Northampton, and we are looking forward to it opening during summer 2019."

Cllr James Hill, Northampton Borough Council Cabinet member for planning, added: "It is extremely important that we support the delivery of new – particularly affordable – housing which is in high demand in Northampton.

"These sites have been identified in our Local Plan as being appropriate for housing and we will continue to work with developers to ensure high-quality schemes are brought forward in a timely fashion."

It's anticipated the first phase of homes at Upton Park will be available by spring 2020.

For more information contact Sarah Foulkes, Communications Officer at Homes

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Full name: Karen Bell

Married to: Adrian Bell

Children: Two

2015 to present Houston, Consul General

2013 to 2015 Hong Kong, Deputy Head of Mission and Head of Prosperity

2010 to 2013 Hong Kong, Head of Political, Economic and Communications
Sections

2007 to 2010 FC0, Team Leader, EU/China Low Carbon Campaign, Climate
Change and Energy Group

2004 to 2007 Riyadh, First Secretary – Political/Economic

1999 to 2003 Abuja, Second Secretary – Economic

1996 to 1999 Ottawa, Third Secretary – Economic

1994 to 1996 FC0, Equal Opportunities Officer, Personnel Policy
Department

1991 to 1993 FC0, Management Officer, Research Department

1988 to 1991 New Delhi, Entry Clearance Officer

1986 to 1988 FC0, Archivist, UK Delegation to Council of Europe

1983 to 1986 FC0, Registry Clerk, Defence Department

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