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Clydebank Housing Association to Build on Former Gala Bingo/La Scala Site

Clydebank Housing Association (CHA) is pleased to announce the commencement of a c. £5m design and build contract in partnership with AS Homes (Scotland) Ltd at the former Gala Bingo/La Scala site on Graham Avenue, Clydebank. Demolition of the existing building, which has lain derelict for some years, will start today following the recent receipt of demolition warrant approval. The demolition process will take around 3 months to complete.

A planning application has been lodged with West Dunbartonshire Council to erect 44 housing units for affordable rent and includes 20 x 1 bedroom and 20 x 2 bedroom flats and 4 x 2 bedroom wheelchair adapted flats and will be funded by both private finance raised by CHA and Scottish Government grant via its Affordable Housing Investment Programme. The new homes will be extremely energy efficient and will meet the Scottish Government's Greener Homes Standard and West Dunbartonshire Council's silver standard.

It is hoped that the building contract will commence on site around summer 2016.

Tom Winter, Chairman of CHA said, "We are delighted that both West Dunbartonshire Council and the Scottish Government have prioritised and committed to funding this development in its 2016/17 programme. With over 700 applicants on our housing list alone, these homes will be a much-needed addition to our affordable rented stock. This is our first development opportunity since 2008 and we are sure our proposals will complement the Council's ongoing regeneration of the surrounding area for the benefit of the community."

Paul Kelly, Managing Director of AS Homes (Scotland) Ltd said, "Today marks an important first step towards an exciting new housing development in Clydebank. We look forward to the opportunity of working with Clydebank Housing Association in providing tenants with quality, modern and energy efficient homes. As well as directly benefiting tenants, the build process will also support the local supply chain and provide employment and training opportunities for the wider community."



Photos taken today on the site at Graham Avenue, Clydebank. They feature representatives from AS Homes (Scotland) Ltd, Clydebank Housing Association's staff and voluntary Management Committee, Gregor Cameron Ltd and local Councillors.

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History of the building information:
<http://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/leisure-parks-events/tourism-and-visitor-attractions/museums-and-galleries/collections/buildings/entertainment/entertainment-clydebank/la-scala-clydebank/>

Additional information:

Developer and lead designer – AS Homes (Scotland) Ltd
Client – Clydebank Housing Association Ltd
CHA Solicitor – Boyle Shaughnessy
CHA Development Consultant – Gregor Cameron Ltd
CHA Employer's Agent – Brown and Wallace
Grant Funder – Scottish Government
Planning Partner – West Dunbartonshire Council