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NORTHERN TRUST LAND AND BRECK HOMES SUBMIT PLANNING APPLICATION FOR 54 AFFORDABLE HOMES IN ST HELENS

Northern Trust Land and Breck Homes are pleased to announce the submission of a planning application for a residential development at Fleet Lane, St Helens. The proposal, submitted by planning consultant De Pol Associates on March 12, seeks approval for 54 much-needed affordable homes.

The proposed site will include a range of one-to-four bedroom houses and maisonettes as well as new open space, including the construction of a children's play area.

The development will include the demolition of an existing house to create access to the new site, which will also be complemented by associated infrastructure and a biodiversity enhancement area, including the planting of native trees, grasses and wildflowers.

Additional land under the applicant's control will be dedicated to further ecological improvements.

The site has been brought forward by a joint venture between Northern Trust and Breck, with Northern Trust, acting as land promoter, working alongside Breck, which has supported the planning process and will lead construction of the development if planning is granted.

Speaking about the submission, **Alexis De Pol, Managing Director of De Pol Associates**, said: *"We are delighted to have submitted this application on behalf of Northern Trust and Breck Homes. The proposed development will deliver high-quality, affordable homes while incorporating significant biodiversity enhancements to benefit the local environment."*

Andy Garnett, Managing Director of Breck Homes, added: "There is a real need for affordable housing across the UK, but particularly in the St Helens area. Filling this growing demand requires a range of different approaches to development including likeminded organisations working together in creative ways.

"This application aims to bring forward a sustainable, forward-thinking development and we're looking forward to working with the relevant parties to progress it."

Stephen Glenn, Land Director at Northern Trust, commented: *"We are delighted with this collaboration with Breck and their team of consultants. We look forward to a successful outcome and the possibility of further joint ventures in due course. We are hopeful of the full support of St Helens MBC to help bring forward this much-needed development, which will provide quality homes for local residents while ensuring biodiversity is enhanced and protected."*

Northern Trust and Breck Homes remain committed to working collaboratively with St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council to secure planning approval and deliver a sustainable and beneficial development for the area.

For further information about Northern Trust Land and its strategic land portfolio, please visit www.ntland.co.uk.

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Northern Trust is a family-owned private company, established in 1962, with a successful track record in property investment, development and strategic land promotion.

The existing property portfolio extends to 9 million sq ft of industrial, trade counter and office parks, together with more than 4,500 acres of land throughout the UK, with circa 1,500 acres currently being promoted through the planning process for mixed use development.

The Industrial and Office portfolio contains more than 4,000 individual units with industrial unit sizes ranging from as little as 285 sq ft up to c 50,000 sq ft and office suites from as little as 1 person upwards. Premises are situated in over 200 separate locations and the portfolio extends from the South Midlands to the central belt of Scotland. Through recent acquisitions and new development over 500,000 sq ft has been added to the portfolio within the last 2 years. The portfolio is actively managed by Northern Trust's Regional Teams with offices in the North West, North East, Yorkshire, Midlands and Scotland.

New and existing customers looking for industrial and office accommodation can search the NTProperties.co.uk website.

In addition, the development team has project managed the construction of circa 4 million sq ft of commercial space in 50 locations with over 600,000 sq ft currently on site or in the development pipeline.

The strategic land team at **Northern Trust** has secured planning for circa 4,500 new homes over the last 2 years and has current projects covering more than 60 sites with potential to bring forward more than 10,000 new homes. The company works closely with landowners, developers, local authorities and local communities to deliver development across the UK. Please see NTLand.co.uk website for further details.

Northern Trust has substantial funds available for new investment, development, and strategic land acquisitions throughout the UK. For more information please visit the website at www.northerntrust.co.uk

