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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Rosy beginnings at Rosa Court**

The first families have moved into Pontefract's Rosa Court - a brand-new development of 51 homes on the site of the former Baghill Court flats.

Once completed the development will consist of 20 two bedroom and 31 three bedroom homes - 25 being available for rent and 26 being available on a shared ownership basis.

Before embarking on the ambitious building project, Chevin Housing worked closely with local community members, residents and the council, discussing the way forward for the area, how it could be improved and what was needed.

The outcome highlighted a high demand for family homes resulting in a new £6m scheme to redevelop the site offering homes for rent, shared ownership and intermediate rent. The funding includes £2.2m of grant approved through the Homes and Communities Agency.

The first phase of seven homes were completed just before Christmas and one of the first people to move in were Davina and her family.

Davina said "I was over the moon moving in to my new home for Christmas.

"The staff at Chevin were great, they helped me through the whole process of moving in, signposting me to local services as I am not too familiar with the area. In such a short space of time I feel I have settled in really well, the kids have started at new schools and made new friends and everyone is really friendly and helpful. It was lovely to move in to a beautiful new home and not have much to do. The size of the house is great for me and the kids and I am looking forward to seeing the site develop as more homes are built".

As well as building the houses, the shops which are directly at the front of the development will also receive a facelift with external cladding already completed and paving and planting planned in the near future. Also planned for the top of the site where the now-demolished Willow Park Hotel public house stood, is a residential care home which is currently in the planning stages with Wakefield District Council.

Chevin Housing are offering various options to own or rent a home at Rosa Court to give people more affordable choices and enable them to get on the housing ladder.

***Photographed outside their new home:*** Davina with her two sons, Oliver aged 6 and Alfie aged 2.

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