

Plans unveiled for over 400 new homes to be built at old quarry site

Plans for more than 400 new homes to be built at an old quarry site in Rhondda Cynon Taf have been unveiled. The housing is part of plans by Newport housing association Pobl Group to build a mixed-used low-carbon development at the disused Hendy Quarry near Pontyclun.

The mixed tenure development at the 22 hectare Tarmac site on the south side of Miskin will include a “significant proportion” of affordable homes. The overall timescale for the project has not been confirmed but Pobl Group is expecting to submit a planning application next year.

A programme to seek input and views from those living in the area will be launched shortly by the development team before any detailed designs are taken forward.

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Pobl Group’s chief executive Amanda Davies said: “Pobl has ambitious aims to re-imagine the way we live and work in Wales and has strong aspirations to deliver a low-carbon development where local people will thrive and which they are proud to call home. Placemaking is at the heart of that ethos and at Hendy Quarry we want to create a vision that reaches well beyond the site’s physical boundaries to develop something that will positively integrate with Pontyclun and Miskin to everyone’s benefit.

“We look forward to bringing much needed housing to the local area and to building on the success of recent sites that we are delivering such as the 144 low-carbon new homes at Gwynfaen, in Penyrheol, Swansea. Our aim is to set a new

benchmark not just for quality but also for how development adds to the wider community.”

The housing association is aiming to make Hendy Quarry the first development in Wales built around a “dedicated and well-connected community hub”. The site will offer a collaborative workspace with high-speed internet links to encourage an increase in remote working as well as space for other facilities, influenced by changing work patterns.

It is also influenced by the Welsh Government’s Placemaking Agenda and the provisions of the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

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Ms Davies added: “Hendy Quarry is being planned with a view to improving connectivity and to reflect the changing ways in which people are now working. The site represents an outstanding location in terms of its traditional transport links – about half a mile from Junction 33 of the M4 – but we are planning to prioritise minimising car journeys across Miskin and Pontyclun as part of the development by creating facilities on the community’s doorstep that reduce the need to travel and encourage sustainable modes of transportation.”

Lloyd McInally, development manager at Tarmac, said: “We are

very proud of our relationship with the area and are keen to make sure Hendy Quarry continues to play an important part in the future of Miskin and Pontyclun. We are also very excited by Pobl's plans and by the quality of community-led development they have achieved at other sites."

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