<u>Press release: Building underway for new homes in Wintringham</u>

The new development is the result of collaborative working between Homes England, Urban&Civic and Nuffield Trusts at Oxford University.

Phase one of the site will include 1,000 new homes including affordable housing, delivery of the first primary school, community and retail facilities and health care provision.

Homes England has supported the development through a 10 year £26m Home Building Fund (HBF) infrastructure loan, in the joint venture with Urban&Civic and Nuffield Trusts. The project will deliver the legacy gifted by Lord Nuffield to maximise economic, environmental and social benefits, which will improve neighbourhoods and grow communities.

Local contractors, J Breheny Engineering, are currently on site, installing the initial roads, utilities and drainage systems across the first phase. Works will also include delivering an impressive cycle, a pedestrian walkway and green corridor which will run along the northern edge of the site, on Cambridge Road.

Aranee Mahadeva, Senior Specialist in Infrastructure and Complex Projects, at Homes England, said: "This project is a perfect example of Homes England working with partners to create a more resilient and diverse housing market. The £26m loan not only accelerates housing delivery but it also enables early delivery of community facilities, which will maximise the potential of a developing town."

Tim Leathes, Development Director, at Urban&Civic, said: "We are very excited about the design for the first primary school at Wintringham, which will create an inspiring space for learning and the community, at the heart of our first phase. As well as far more practical things like putting in place future-proofed infrastructure and diverting power lines, we will also be introducing new landscaping to mark Wintringham Brook as a feature in the town and create attractive green space for people to enjoy from day one.

"Moving fast, achieving the standards is what Urban&Civic are renowned for and bringing forward all housing tenures from the outset, involves working in partnership. Homes England and the District Council are both playing a major role in expediting high quality delivery."

Sir Andrew Dilnot, Warden, at Nuffield College, Oxford, commented: "The combination of the Nuffield Trusts, Urban&Civic and Homes England at Wintringham is a clear example of how the charitable, private and public sectors can work together to bring forward homes and infrastructure as quickly as possible.

"Our partnership with Urban&Civic and this agreement with Homes England

highlights our shared vision for the high quality community that will be created here which is an important legacy of our charitable purpose."

New homes are due to complete next year, with the new primary school scheduled to open in September 2020, following occupancy of initial residents.

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