

## Work to begin on site for new homes and businesses in Caerphilly

The Economy Secretary confirmed that following the granting of outline planning permission for a mixed use development in Ty Du, in Nelson, Caerphilly, the Welsh Government had awarded a contract for the construction of key roads and services.

Construction work to prepare the site, which will be undertaken by local civil engineering contractor, Walters UK, is being funded by £4m of investment from Welsh Government including £2.5m of EU funds.

Work is scheduled to commence on Monday 2nd July and complete in mid 2019.

Speaking following a meeting of the Valleys Taskforce, Economy Secretary Ken Skates said:

“Good quality jobs are one of the priorities of our high-level action plan for the South Wales Valleys, Our Valleys, Our Future.

“However one of the challenges in providing good quality jobs is ensuring the right business space is available at the right location.

“We know that there is currently a lack of high quality standalone development sites in the mid Valleys area that are ready for development and well connected to local infrastructure.

“I am delighted that Welsh Government is now in a position to appoint contractors for the Ty Du site. They will undertake vital work that will construct the roads and provide the services necessary for development of the Ty Du site, providing valuable jobs in the construction phase and helping to make the site an attractive proposition for businesses and future home owners alike.”