Connect Housing – Affordable Housing Statement

Connect Housing is a charitable Housing Association registered with the Regulator of Social Housing and currently provides over 3400 homes across West Yorkshire, ranging between supported housing, housing for older people, family homes, affordable rent homes and shared ownership. We have a strong commitment to tackling inequality and provide the opportunity for a fulfilled and healthy life. This starts with a good home in a neighbourly community.

We are proposing to develop the Newsome Mill site and create 78 new homes, all of which will be affordable housing – the tenure split is still to be decided between affordable rent and shared ownership. Houses range from two bedroom up to four bedroom, with the four bedroom properties being ready to be adapted to include a through floor lift if required. In total, there are 11no. 2 bedroom houses, 11no. 3 bedroom houses and 5no. 4 bedroom houses – all of the houses on site are aimed at General Needs. The proposals include a total of 51 apartments – a proportion of which will be fully wheelchair accessible. Of these there are 37 apartments in the mill block, all aimed at housing for older people – four of these apartments are wheelchair accessible. The Mill is designed specifically to meet the needs of older people. Of the 51 apartments, a further 4 (located in the Weavers Sheds) are wheelchair accessible units for Supported Housing (ground floor), with 4 first floor units also for Supported Housing. There are 8 apartments on the wider site, four of these are wheelchair accessible and are aimed at General Needs. The tenure type of any home on the development will not be distinguishable from another.

All of the homes on site will be energy efficient, with air source heat pump systems and solar panels and vehicles will be kept towards the outer edges of the development, to encourage walking, cycling and playing.