

## Almond HA Appoints Lovell for £4.1m Whitburn Homes Scheme

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Almond Housing Association, a member of the West Lothian Development Alliance, has appointed Glasgow-based affordable housing developer Lovell to build a £4.1 million housing development in Whitburn, West Lothian.

The scheme will create 49 new homes for social rent on a brownfield site in East Main Street. The land was previously home to the former Whitdale Primary School Annexe which was demolished in 2013.

Work has just started on the 60-week construction programme which will create a mix of houses and flats. Part of the new development will incorporate stone reclaimed from the demolished school building.

The scheme was awarded to Lovell following a competitive tendering process.

Speaking on behalf of the West Lothian Development Alliance, George Webster, chief executive of Almond Housing Association, says: "We are looking forward to completing a top-quality development which will be a great asset to the community of West Lothian. The efforts of our development team here working with colleagues in the Scottish Government and West Lothian Council are well rewarded by the provision of fantastic new housing for rent and Lovell can produce exactly what we are looking for in terms of quality and cost. We are extremely pleased to see our plans to build on this site come to fruition."

Lovell regional director Alan Taylor says: "We are delighted to have been appointed to this project which is our first scheme for Almond Housing Association. Our team has a strong track record in delivering modern and attractive affordable homes, built to a high standard. It is exciting to be bringing that expertise to this important new development."

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