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Construction works underway to provide new affordable homes in Penrith

To mark National Rural Housing Week, the theme of which is 'building for rural communities', Eden Housing Association's development at William Street in the market town of Penrith is underway.

Following the demolition last year of the garages at the site, construction work has now begun to create 4 two-bed houses and 3 one-bed flats and associated parking, all for affordable rent.

Initial work has included the installation of drainage and the diversion of gas, water and telecoms. The appointed contractor, Thomas Armstrong (Construction) Ltd, expects to complete the new homes in early 2020.

John Clasper, Chief Executive of Eden Housing Association, said "This development will provide much needed affordable homes for rent in a great location and at the same time improve the aesthetics compared with the tired looking garage block previously on the land. The development has been challenging so far in terms of the ground works and utilities works required and will prove more costly than our average development. However, investing in our market town is the right thing to do and I'm certain the resulting new homes will be in high demand. We are grateful to the surrounding neighbours for their patience and understanding too whilst we develop this small site".

The rural project has been funded by Eden Housing Association with the support of a grant from Homes England.

Margery Manfield-Cooke, Vice-Chair of Eden Housing Association visited the site to check on progress and said "A lot of people have invested a good deal of time and energy in making this project come together for which we are thankful. It's good to

see we now have a cleared site and that construction above ground level will be seen very soon”.

This Eden Housing Association development follows on from the recent completion of seven affordable homes for rent in Threlkeld, working with the same project team, architects Day Cummins Ltd and contractor Thomas Armstrong (Construction) Ltd.



Chief Executive John Clasper and Vice Chair Margery Manfield-Cooke visiting the William Street site