



NEWS RELEASE

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GB Building Solutions to build £13.5million extra care facility in Staffordshire

GB Building Solutions today won a £13.5million partnering contract from Staffordshire Housing Association to build high quality offices for their new HQ and a 99 unit extra-care facility in Stoke-on-Trent. GB Building Solutions will be lead designer during the partnering timetable for detailed design, reverting to main contractor for the construction phase. The contract may then be expanded to include additional affordable housing.

The buildings will be built on the site of a recently demolished former pottery, called Bilton Works, and will cover an area of 14,000 square metres. The extra-care units will all be two bedroomed with 50 being for shared ownership and will utilise GB Building Solutions extensive experience in the extra-care market.

Staffordshire Housing Association is a new client for GB Building Solutions; it appointed GB Building Solutions to maximise modern methods of construction and promote innovative and collaborative ways of working.

Martin Smout, Chairman and Chief Executive of GB Building Solutions says, "This will be an important building for Staffordshire Housing Association as it will form its new head office as well as providing some much-needed extra-care accommodation.

"Staffordshire Housing Association puts a great focus on collaboration in order to develop the best possible building within the budget available; this fits exactly with GB Building Solutions ethos of working in partnership with our customers to produce the best solution in every circumstance."

Work will begin on site in September 2008 and will last for 78 weeks with an expected completion date of March 2010."

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Notes for Editors

GB Building Solutions is a solutions-focused construction company which believes in adding value and delivering on the promises it makes to its customers.

GB Building Solutions has six offices based throughout England and undertakes a range of new build and refurbishment projects in both the public and private sectors. It specialises in five sectors:

- ❖ Accommodation
- ❖ Commercial
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Hotels and leisure
- ❖ Non–acute health

GB Building Solutions was previously known as Gleeson Building. The name change to GB Building Solutions is the final step in a transition that started with a management buyout of MJ Gleeson's building division in July 2005.