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HILLS HOMES NOMINATED FOR PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



The Old Dairy, an exclusive development in Upper Castle Combe of seven homes by Marlborough-based developer Hills Homes, has been selected as a finalist in the 'Best small housing development' category of the Local Authority Building Control (LABC) West of England Building Excellence Awards. The winner will be announced at an award ceremony on Friday 9th July at Bristol Marriott Royal Hotel.

The LABC West of England Building Excellence Awards recognise and reward the best quality, design, construction and project management across every class of building from domestic extensions, social housing, apartments, schools, hospitals, commercial and retail to industrial properties. The regional finalists are acknowledged as amongst the best projects in England and Wales.

Nick King, Group Director of Hills Property Ltd said, "Being nominated for this award is especially important to us as it recognises not only our approach to developing quality homes which sit naturally in their environment but also to the talented team of people who brought this development together, from design through to completion utilising traditional skills combined with the most up to date environmental technology. The LABC Officers see many sites each year and to have them single out The Old Dairy for such praise is recognition of the quality Hills Homes has achieved".

Inspired by the idyllic surroundings of nearby picturesque Castle Combe, where strict rules apply to preserve the beauty and character of the village, the development improved the setting of the existing adjacent listed Grade II* property whilst maintaining a rural theme to blend into the local environment. The process saw the inclusion of traditional building skills and craftsmanship in harmony with the most up to date green technology including rainwater harvesting and solar thermal water heating systems.

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Notes to editors:

Hills Property Limited is part of the Hills Group Limited. Over recent years, the *Hills Homes* brand has established a strong reputation for high quality homes on carefully selected sites – from major developments in large towns to smaller ones in rural towns and villages. In addition to its own developments, Hills Property is also a successful contract builder. www.hills-homes.co.uk

The Hills Group Limited is a family-owned business and celebrates its 110th anniversary this year. The Group's operations cover Wiltshire and neighbouring counties. Its diverse activities include building quality homes , producing and supplying quarry products and managing and recycling both domestic and commercial waste. www.hills-group.co.uk

LABC is the trading name of District Surveyors Association Limited. LABC represents the views of the building control departments within the local authorities of England and Wales. It was formed in June 2005, and became operational in October of that year.

It had two predecessor bodies: the District Surveyors Association, formed to present the views of local authority building control officers to Government;



and LABC Services, a local authority controlled company set up to market local authority building control in the face of competition from private sector approved inspectors. www.labc.uk.com

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