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### Former Calne railway station gets go ahead for new homes

A development of 101 new homes is to be constructed on the site of the former Calne railway station following final approval by county planners.

Wiltshire Council's planning authority approved the reserved matters application by Hills Homes for the development in Station Road on the south western edge of the town. Formal consent is now imminent following the resolution of some minor issues with the relevant Planning Officer. Outline planning permission for the development was originally approved in December 2008.

Nick King, group director Hills Homes, said, "It has taken some time but we are now delighted to receive the green light for this major scheme"

The development will comprise of 81 private and 20 affordable homes. There will be a mix of 1 and 2 bed flats and 2, 3 and 4 bed houses with the majority of the units being 2 storeys in height. At specific points throughout the site there will be some 2.5 and 3 storey properties to frame the spaces and add presence.



**Image caption:** Nick King, group director Hills Homes (standing) with the Station Road project team (l to r) John Blair, Colin Woodhouse (development manager Hills Homes), John Candy, John Doody (production manager Hills Homes), Craig Weatherburn and Roger Beach

The new homes will be designed to be sustainable and highly energy efficient, with all of the dwellings designed to meet the requirements of 'Level 3' of the Code for Sustainable Homes. All building materials will be responsibly sourced including structural and finishing timber from FSC and PEFC certified sources.

The design of the new dwellings will incorporate a range of features including:

- Systems to encourage water efficiency.
- High levels of insulation which will exceed the requirements of the current Building Regulations and help reduce the use of energy for heating.
- Individual composters to encourage recycling of garden waste and vegetable matter.
- Cycle storage to encourage reduced reliance upon motor vehicles.
- Home office facilities.

Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2013. Further information can be obtained from Hills Homes at [www.hills-homes.co.uk](http://www.hills-homes.co.uk) or by telephoning 01672 516111. **ENDS**

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