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GHA buys Duval vinery for much needed affordable housing

Guernsey Housing Association has purchased the Duval vinery land, in St Sampson’s, for £1.95m, with the assistance of States funding from the capital grant awarded to the Affordable Housing Development Programme, and will use it to deliver much needed rented, partial ownership and keyworker housing.

The land has in the past been used for commercial growing but has not been for many years now, and the glasshouses are now overgrown and derelict. It adjoins the Fontaine vinery, owned by the States, and is part of the Belgrave vinery land zoned for housing in the Island Development Plan.

GHA has submitted a planning application for 42 homes, being a mix of 1, 2 and 3 beds, for rent, partial ownership and key workers.

Vic Slade, the new Chief Executive at GHA, said:

‘This is a fantastic opportunity to provide 42 homes to go some way to tackling the desperate housing need in the island, for people who cannot afford to rent or buy privately. We are anticipating starting construction in 2023, with completed homes hopefully in late 2024 and into 2025.

The States have been really supportive of GHA securing land to provide a pipeline of new affordable homes over the next few years.’

Deputy Peter Roffey, President of the Committee *for* Employment & Social Security, said:

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Guernsey Housing Association (GHA) is an independent not-for-profit company that works in partnership with the States Committee *for* Employment and Social Security to deliver social housing as part of the Corporate Housing Programme.

GHA’s board directors are unpaid volunteers.

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