

STATEMENT B3 – Thomas Beale

Statement from Thomas Beale, Astry Close Project Manager
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Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Thomas Beale, I am the project manager for Ambition Lawrence Weston.

Lawrence Weston desperately needs more affordable housing for local people, but it also needs regeneration, investment, and above all the confidence and capacity to support its vision for an even better community.

The scheme delivers 34 affordable homes for Lawrence Weston, plus 2 self-finish homes which are also more accessible than open market homes.

An agreed local lettings policy ensures local people are given priority.

At a time of national economic crisis, the scheme provides £6.5m of economic activity, creating local jobs and supporting local businesses.

A community land trust to hold ownership of the site ensures that the houses will remain under local control and ownership, and creates a long-term asset supporting the community's regeneration and prosperity.

The designs meet very high ecological and energy efficiency standards, easily surpassing the requirements of Bristol's Heat Hierarchy and contributing to the city-wide task of achieving carbon neutrality.

These are the homes that the community in Lawrence Weston want and need. We hope that the committee will lend their support to this application.