



PRESS RELEASE

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Support for affordable housing scheme at Old Buckenham

Plans for an affordable housing scheme for local people in Old Buckenham look set to be given the go ahead, following a successful public consultation on Thursday, 6th September.

Representatives from Cotman Housing Association, Breckland Strategic Housing team, and the Norfolk Rural Community Council were on hand at the Old Buckenham village hall to speak to local residents and other interested parties, including parish councillors and Breckland Council member for the Buckenham ward Adrian Joel.

Cotman Housing Association completed work on its scheme at St. Andrews Close in Old Buckenham in 1992, purchasing a further piece of adjoining land from Breckland District Council at the time. Following a recent housing needs survey carried out in the village, the Association now plans to expand on this with the building of seven rented properties. Of the seven rented units, there will be two 1-bedroom houses, one 2-bedroom house, two 3-bedroom houses, and two 2-bedroom bungalows, one of which will be a bungalow built to enhanced mobility standards. These properties will be accessible through the Breckland Housing register, with priority given to people with local connections.

The public consultation was held prior to the submission of a planning application to be made shortly. Properties are to be built by Iceni Homes on behalf of Cotman Housing, which will manage the scheme. Iceni hopes to commence building, subject to planning, in April 2008.

“We are delighted to be expanding the provision of social housing for local people in the excellent community that is Old Buckenham”, said the Association’s Chief Executive Vivien Farrow. “The response that we received from the public consultation was very positive, and we look forward to working alongside Iceni Homes on this development”.

For more information about the work of Cotman Housing, log on to **www.cotman-housing.org.uk** or telephone **01603 612927**.

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Photo caption: Cotman and Icení Homes' Development Director Stuart Thomas (far right) shows plans of the proposed new scheme to Tim Godden of Norfolk Rural Community Council (left) and Breckland District Council's Enabling Officer Lee Webster (middle).