



## NEWS RELEASE

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# **whg submits plans for town centre office**

Plans to build a town centre office for Walsall Housing Group (whg) have been submitted to Walsall Council.

The borough's biggest landlord is proposing to invest in a purpose built office on the corner of Littleton Street East and Hatherton Street, Walsall, with a building contract of £6.5 million that will contribute to Walsall's regeneration.

Bringing colleagues currently located across several sites together, including those based at Tameway Tower in Bridge Street, will reinforce whg's focus on value for money service delivery and provide modern, fit-for-purpose facilities for customers and colleagues alike. whg will retain a strong presence across the borough through its network of local offices.

After a competitive tender process Bisset Adams has been appointed as the Architects and the design is eco-friendly and aims to meet the BREEAM Excellence Standard.

The proposed 1.5 acre site forms part of Walsall Gigaport, also called the new Walsall Office Corridor. The plan is to create a business and enterprise quarter

within the corridor to support the regeneration of Walsall and whg is committed to helping drive forward redevelopment.

Liz Walford, whg Group Chief Executive, said:

“This contribution to the regeneration of Walsall joins the investment of over £350 million to date, and the £120 million planned, in improving our current housing and providing new affordable homes. It is our aim to create a modern and efficient office environment in the heart of the town, which is accessible to the community we serve. We will continue to have local offices in our communities across the borough.”

The application has been submitted to the local authority and will be considered in due course by the development control committee.

If the planning application is approved, work is expected to start on site in early 2010 and be completed in summer 2011.

## **Ends**

Notes to editors:

Walsall Housing Group (whg) was established in 2003, following stock transfer from Walsall Council. It is the borough's biggest social landlord, with around 19,000 properties, and has invested more than £350 million in local homes and the environment. Visit [www.whg.uk.com](http://www.whg.uk.com) for more information about whg.

BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Ltd Environmental Assessment Method) Excellence Standard is the leading and most widely used environmental assessment method for buildings. It sets the standard for best practice in sustainable design.

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