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# Hundreds of homes planned for £1 bn urban village site

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**HUNDREDS of new homes could soon be built in the next phase of a £1 billion development in Llandarcy.**

Regeneration specialist St Modwen has submitted a planning application for 302 homes at the Coed Darcy urban village which will be developed over the next 25 years.

The scheme, which is a joint venture between St Modwen and house builder Persimmon, will eventually include 4,000 homes as well as three primary schools and a secondary school.

The latest stage of development would start in the new year if it is rubber-stamped by planners at Neath Port Talbot Council.

The homes at Coed Darcy will include a variety of one and two bedroom apartments together with a range of two, three, four and five-bedroom family homes.

St Modwen is predicting 10,000 residents of Coed Darcy will have access to a library as well as retail and sports facilities including sports pitches set within acres of green open space.

More than 500,000 sq ft of commercial space will also be developed to help boost the local economy and create around 4,000 new jobs.

St Modwen South Wales Regional

Director Rupert Joseland said: "Submitting this planning application at Coed Darcy following the recent start of work at Glan Llyn, shows our commitment to delivering on our plans for this scheme and South Wales.

"Subject to planning approval, we would hope to be in a position to start on site in the New Year.

"The houses at Coed Darcy will be located within an attractive, rural setting with some properties providing extensive views across Swansea Bay and the Gower Peninsula. The homes will be linked

by play areas, sports pitches, pedestrian routes and cycle ways, all connecting residents with schools, shops and other essential facilities that will help establish Coed Darcy as a truly sustainable community."

Daniel le Neveu, group development director of housing firm Persimmon said: "We are delighted to be associated with our joint venture partners on this exciting new development which we are confident will deliver a sustainable new village and provide a range of quality homes catering for the needs of the wider community."

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