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Green light for Coed Darcy homes

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Neath Port Talbot Council has voted to give detailed planning permission to an application by St Modwen and Persimmon for 302 homes at Coed Darcy near Neath.

The homes will be built at the northern end of the 1,060 acre site of the former Llandarcy oil refinery. St Modwen aims for more than 4,000 homes there in total, along with shops and community facilities.

Work is expected to start in July and the first homes should be ready for residents by Christmas.

Rupert Joseland, South Wales director for St Modwen, said: "The properties will be located within the first of three residential neighbourhoods situated near the main entrance to the development.

"The neighbourhoods will be linked by village greens and play areas in order to create a well integrated community that will draw on the natural surroundings of the area to make it an attractive location for people to live."

The application is the second to be submitted in Wales under the joint venture established between St Modwen and Persimmon in August 2010. The first was for 307 homes at the Glan Llyn scheme near Newport.

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