

Refinery land plan sees 25 homes bought

A TOTAL of 25 homes have now been sold in the early stages of a scheme to transform a former oil refinery into a vibrant urban village.

The houses are the tip of the iceberg at Coed Darcy which will regenerate the former Llandarcy oil refinery into a revolutionary development which its backers say will re-shape the future of environmentally friendly house building in Wales.

Prince Charles gave his stamp of approval to the development during a visit last summer and yesterday Atlantic Property Developments PLC, which is behind the first stage of residential construction, confirmed it has sold 25 homes since then.

Atlantic has now built 54 units at the site, eight are currently under construction and a further 133 will be built over the course of the next two to three years.

The first phase of homes at Coed Darcy is being marketed as Heritage Gate.

The 25 homes already sold by Atlantic include a mix of apartments and houses from two bedrooms to four bedrooms

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starting at £99,995 and rising in value up to £225,000.

A spokeswoman for Savills, which is marketing the homes, said Atlantic was happy with the number of homes sold at Heritage Gate so far.

She added: "Since its launch, we've been very encouraged by the level of interest in Heritage Gate."

Regeneration specialist **St Modwen** is leading the Coed Darcy development, which is expected to feature 4,000 homes, a secondary school, three primary schools, shopping and leisure space and sports facilities over the next 25 years.

Rupert Joseland, South Wales Regional Director for **St Modwen**, said: "We are pleased to hear that 25 sales have been completed at Heritage Gate, showing a continuing level of interest in the development as market conditions strengthen across South Wales.

"This summer we expect to start work on constructing a new Gateway into Coed Darcy, which will open up the site for further re-development."