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Milton Keynes

Landlord Grainger has agreed to acquire a 261-home private rented sector (PRS) build to rent development in Milton Keynes from Peveril Securities Limited for £63m. Bowmer and Kirkland has been confirmed as main contractor on the Peverill Securities development. The scheme has planning consent and construction it scheduled to start by the end of next year and be completed in the second half of 2021.

Birmingham



Kuwaiti developer Salhia has reawakened plans to build Birmingham’s tallest office tower next to the Bullring shopping centre. Its three-block plan, which includes a 30-storey tower, forms the long-awaited phase two and three of the Beorma Quarter development, which takes its name from the first settlement of Birmingham during the Anglo-Saxon period.

Phase one was built by BAM Construction at a cost of £18m and included the refurbishment of the listed Cold Store, originally built in 1899.

The newly-announced phases will cost more than £140m and will consist of a mix of offices, residential, retail, restaurants, a hotel plus landscaped piazza.

Construction is expected to start later this year.

Salhia is seeking pre-lets of the commercial office space and negotiations are in hand with several interested parties.

The hot summer

The heatwave will cause tens of thousands of homes to sink into the ground, insurers have warned, as they are braced for subsidence claims to quadruple.

Over the past two months a record-breaking spell of hot and dry weather has caused the soil on which homes are built to shrink, which will result in many sinking into the ground later this year, it is claimed.

Symptoms of subsidence like cracked walls





usually appear several months after the damage is done, meaning homeowners could be forced into temporary accommodation over the Christmas period while their homes are being fixed.

1976 we saw the same, many properties were damaged, Shallow foundations were affected, which caused underpinning to be carried out,

Chester

Midlands building contractor Pave Always has won an £8m contract to build a spa at a hotel owned by Redrow boss Steve Morgan.



The new spa at Carden Park Hotel, near Chester, is scheduled to open in summer 2019. It is part of a wider £20m full refurbishment of the hotel. Pave Always is delivering the spa scheme in partnership with HB Architects from Rugby, structural and drainage engineer Betts Associates, spa consultant Nicki Kurran and Glasgow based Barr & Wray Interior Design. Facilities will include beauty treatment rooms, hot tubs, pool, sauna, bar and gardens. Pave Always managing director Steven Owen said: "This is an incredibly exciting project and will provide an unrivalled spa experience in spectacular surroundings." Steve Morgan bought the hotel from De Vere Hotels in 2006.

Birmingham

Plans submitted for Birmingham Commonwealth Games village Birmingham's plans to host the 2022 Commonwealth Games have stepped up with the submission of plans for the athlete's village.



How the Birmingham's Commonwealth Games Village could look

The Commonwealth Games Village, proposed to be built on the site of the former Birmingham City University campus in Perry Barr, would be large enough to accommodate the 6,500 athletes and officials coming to Birmingham in the summer of 2022.

Located very close to The Alexander Stadium the accommodation will also feature a running track and green spaces.

The master plan of the Commonwealth Games Village has been developed by Glancy Nicholls Architects

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