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### Gosport

£25m is being invested by Wates into a housing development on the site of the old air base in Gosport.



Wates Residential in collaboration with Homes England are to build 200 new homes at Daedalus, the former Royal Naval Air Station in Lee-on-Solent, near Gosport.

The new homes at Daedalus Waterfront will be some of the first constructed under the Direct Commissioning Initiative, which is the government's drive to fast-track the building of homes

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# £50m Portsmouth Uni sports centre

Portsmouth City Council has approved plans for a £50m sports facility for the University of Portsmouth.

Tendering is underway on the Ravelin Park project with stage two tenders due to be



submitted in September.

Plans for the new sports facility come as part of the University's estate masterplan that will see £400m invested in the campus over the next decade.

The indoor sports facility will be the first project to be developed and features an eight-lane 25m swimming pool, eight-court sports hall, 175 station fitness suite, two flexible squash courts and a ski simulator.

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#### **The Summer Heat Wave**



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 recordbreaking 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.

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### The Queen's House



The most important building in Lyndhurst, New Forest is the Queen's House, which has also in the past been called the King's House, for the name changes according to the gender of the monarch. It is the principal building owned by the Crown in the New Forest, and contains the Verderers' Hall, home of the ancient Verderers' Court. The Queen's House is also the local headquarters of the Forestry Commission.

A manor house probably existed in Lyndhurst by the 13th century. In the reign of Edward I an order was given for "twenty oaks to make laths for the use of the queen's manorhouse at Lyndhurst." This house was probably superseded by the hunting lodge built at Lyndhurst in the 14th century, which received frequent royal visits, and for which there are many records relating to the repair and enlargement in 1388 a hall was built within the lodge, later as the known Verderers' Hall Rebuilding took place in the reign of Henry VIII, and especially in the 17th century, during the reigns of Charles I and Charles II, and the current structure largely dates from this time The last monarch to stay here as George III who visited the New Forest in June

1789. Frances Burney, who was Second Keeper of the Robes to Queen Charlotte, described the house as "a straggling, inconvenient, old house, but delightfully situated, in a village—looking indeed at present like a populous town, from the amazing concourse of people that have crowded into it. A secret passage was found during major repairs in 1978 which we believe tunnelled out into the forest for escaping from the civil war in Charles 1st Raine, the oak joists were attacked by death watch beetle, and twisted due we think when central heating was installed.

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### **Brighton**

New direction for Moda heads south with £220m Brighton build-to-rent village Private rented homes specialist Moda is planning its first major scheme in the south with an initial investment of £220m creating a build- to-rent village in Brighton. Moda and joint venture investment partner Apache Capital are planning to build an 860-home urban village in Brighton, making it one of the largest build-to-rent sites on the south coast. Only a short walk from the city's seafront the nine-acre site on Sackville Road shares a boundary with Hove station It will be developed with a mix of low- and mid-rise buildings surrounded by large areas of landscaped green space. Moda is aiming to submit a planning application for the Sackville Road and coal vard site in October Phase one is likely to consist of 600 private rented homes, some with sea views, and 20,000 sq. ft of co-working

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