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Broadwindsor Group Parish CLT is delighted to announce that the planning application for 15 affordable homes for rent at Netherhay Lane in Drimpton has been approved by Dorset Council's Western & Southern Area Planning Committee today.

Since its inception in 2016, the BGP CLT has been developing this project as a response to community concerns about a lack of affordable housing to rent within the Parish area, highlighted in the Broadwindsor Group Parish Plan (2012) and Broadwindsor Group Parish Neighbourhood Plan (2019).

The CLT appointed Trewin Design Architects to draw up an outline design plan and Yarlington Housing Group as their development partner. Throughout the project's development they have been advised by Wessex CLT Projects. A planning application was submitted to West Dorset District Council in May 2019, and for the past 15 months there have been on-going negotiations with Planning and Highways officials of Dorset Council resulting in a number of amendments to the overall design. Right from the start, BGP CLT insisted on inclusion of a separate on-site sewerage system to avoid exacerbating problems experienced by the village's existing main sewer.

These much needed affordable homes for rent will be available only to people on Dorset Council's Housing List who have a direct connection to Broadwindsor Group Parish area. The homes will be constructed to a high environmental standard – high levels of insulation, solar panels on all roofs, air source heat pump heating technology, and electric vehicle charging points. The CLT's Energy Statement shows that the carbon output of these homes will be 20% below building regulation requirements and support the Climate and Ecological Emergency declared by Dorset Council and Broadwindsor Group Parish Council earlier this year. In addition, a large number of native trees and shrubs, and a



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native fruiting boundary hedge will be planted. Bird, bat and bee nesting boxes will be installed, among other measures, improving the ecological value of the site.

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