

AFFORDABLE HOMES WITH PREMIUM STYLE THANKS TO BLACK MILLWORK

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"It's going brilliantly and the houses look great – and a large part of that is thanks to the Andersen windows and doors," concludes Richard.

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From the outset, Richard knew that he wanted to create the sort of houses that buyers would want to stay in forever. Being acutely aware that many first time buyers and young families are priced out of his local area, Richard's aim was to encourage 'young blood' into the community – focusing all the while on achieving a premium finish to the homes.

"I realised that no young people could ever entertain the idea of buying a property in this area and I wanted to do something to change that," Richard comments. "At the same time, I wanted the houses to offer all the same quality that I would wish for and to contain everything that contributes to the enjoyment of a new home."

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Richard specified the Andersen 400 Series Casement windows and French doors, which offer superior sustainability with one of the lowest U-Values on the market. All Andersen Windows are incorporated with Low E-4 glass, which reduces water spots, keeping maintenance to a minimum.

The development, which is being constructed solely by Richard and his son, with mutual additional support from hired contractors, has been agreed for 17 houses – with discussions underway for another 10. The first three properties are nearing completion, with handover expected to take place in late spring 2012.

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