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Collaborative Working at Oldfold Village, Aberdeen

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Oldfold Village, Aberdeen

Capturing the essence of its idyllic Deeside location, Oldfold Village lies in a quiet, countryside pocket celebrated for its tranquillity, security and wide open spaces.

Life Property Management took handover of Oldfold Village from **CALA Homes North** during November 2017. One year on and following our most recent development inspection, we are celebrating the landscaping progress made over the past twelve months. We have considered internally, the project planning implemented to achieve this success and confirmed externally, the developer's satisfaction with our progress.

Early stage partnership working

lpm worked with CALA Homes pre-construction and offered guidance on aspects of the communal areas, to ensure the design and materials used within the common parts of the development were suitable, cost effective to maintain and sustainable within the development conditions.

Fraser Carr, Sales and Marketing Director at CALA Homes North confirmed,

“Engaging **lpm** as part of the design process was a key part of the procedure, to highlight any potential issues and more so, ensure that when managing on behalf of the residents, they are given a great setting for their new homes with high visual impact, but carefully refined to minimise long term costs”.



During early meetings between CALA Homes, **lpm** and our landscaping contractors, a comprehensive Grounds Maintenance Strategy for the development was agreed. The strategy was rolled out immediately on handover and this speed of purpose undoubtedly helped the landscape areas mature quicker than normal, particularly in areas where 'woodland mix' was planted. Woodland Mix can take a minimum of 5-10 years to properly establish.

At Oldfold Village, early planting is already showing signs of great maturity proving that our critical attention to detail at the earliest stage of the development process is beneficial, as the communal landscaping areas are already thriving.

Dedicated estates management

Each **lpm** development has its own dedicated Estates Manager who is responsible for all aspects of the property management brief.

Karen McInnes, the Estates Manager at Oldfold Village works directly with our landscaping contractor Grass Guzzlers Ltd., to ensure the landscaping requirements of the development are carried out to the highest of standards.



Karen commented, "Oldfold Village is a beautiful development. Our grounds maintenance team are doing a brilliant job, evidenced by the high standard of landscaping displayed across the development. Our contractors have invested in additional specialised equipment, to ensure the development is maturing to plan and kept in pristine condition. Planned maintenance continues over the winter months with pruning of shrub beds and hedges, removal of dead trees and shrubbery and general tidying etc."

CALA Homes endorsement

CALA Homes are extremely pleased with the evolution of Oldfold Village, as the development matures it continues to improve its external appearance. Fraser Carr continues, "This is extremely important to us in wanting to leave behind a legacy that ourselves and our residents can be proud of.

This first area of Oldfold Village has a prominent roadside position and is gateway to the entirety of Oldfold Village that



will be an important long term development for CALA Homes in Aberdeen setting the standard for quality. Everyone involved has a lot of passion for this development.

Significant time and effort was put into the shaping of the externals, both hard and soft landscaping in order to balance an instant impact with an improvement with maturity. We

have tried to shape the landscaping more into the thoughts of the wider team and make sure we have quality engagement from planning, through design and ultimately installation flowing into maintenance then with **lpm**.

We want to be at the forefront of setting the standards in quality and design and we recognise engagement in the right manner and at the right time, how much value **lpm** can add to the final product. In many ways **lpm** share the same ethos around customers which makes a strong company working relationship. With a wide variety of product coming to market, we are keen to continue a close working partnership that has a mutual benefit”.

Fraser summed up **lpm**'s approach in three words “**expertise, transparent and partnership**”.

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