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Housebuilders newsletter

Introduction

Welcome to the November 2023 edition of Foundations – our newsletter for those in the Housebuilders sector.

Our Housebuilders Team is expanding yet further, testament to the fact that we are considered as leading legal experts in our field, and demand for our services is ever increasing.

In August we welcomed [Gavin Smith](#) to the team. Gavin, an Associate, joins our Chelmsford office, having previously worked for 16 years in-house at Countryside (now Vistry). In October, we welcomed [Nicola Morris](#) who joins us as a Legal Director in our Sevenoaks office. Nicola had previously worked in house at Rydon Homes for 17 years. Both Gavin and Nicola bring a wealth of experience to us, and we very much look forward to working with them and introducing them to you. We also welcome [Josh Cousins](#) who joins the team as a Graduate Solicitor Apprentice and [Jasmin Sandhu](#) who joins us as a Trainee Solicitor.

As we head towards Christmas, we have a lot going on in the housebuilders world! On the 20 September we held our Builder's Breakfast at Writtle University College. We were joined by Sarah Poirier, who is Regional Ambassador at the Lighthouse Construction Industry Charity. Sarah spoke about the topic of mental health in the construction industry which certainly hit home to everyone. Our very own [David Springett](#) and [Paul Skelton](#) also spoke about the importance of Heads of Terms.

On Thursday 5 October we attended the HBF Housing Market Intelligence Conference 2023. It was such an insightful day, listening to other experts in the industry discuss where they see the market at the current time, what needs to be done to "unlock it" and future predictions.

On 2 November 2023 the Essex Housing Awards in association with Birketts took place at Greenwoods Hotel in Stock. The event was extremely well attended by those in the housebuilders sector. More information can be found about the winners by clicking [here](#).

On 10 November we are attending the Housebuilder Eastern Winter Ball. This event is very much a highlight in our calendar, and we look forward to catching up with others in this industry.

In this edition of our newsletter, [Edward Long](#) and [Jane Haviland](#) discuss the delayed introduction of mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain, [Beth Youngs](#) looks at considerations in relation to CIL when contemplating development, and [Edward Long](#) and [Antonia Akande](#) look at the recent House of Lords blocking of the Government's proposed changes to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill regarding nutrient neutrality.

Finally, this month's Q&A is with [Gavin Smith](#) who as you will see above joined us in August.

If you have any questions on any of the content in this newsletter, please do get in contact or join our conversation in our dedicated LinkedIn group which can be found [here](#).



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Featured articles

Mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain: Government delays introduction until 2024

[Edward Long](#) and [Jane Haviland](#) discuss
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Key considerations when contemplating development – Community Infrastructure Levy

[Beth Youngs](#) shares the key things you
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Nutrient neutrality: Where are we now?

[Edward Long](#) and [Antonia Akande](#) provide
an update on nutrient neutrality and how it
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Colleague Q&A: Gavin Smith

We sat down with new starter [Gavin Smith](#), who joined us in August, to discuss his career so far.

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