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## LEGAL & GENERAL PROVIDES LONG-TERM FINANCING TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW HOMES IN SOUTH EAST ENGLAND

LGIM Real Assets (“LGIM RA”) announces that it has provided £50 million in long-term financing to support Raven Housing Trust (“Raven”) in the development of 1,100 new homes over the next five years. The financing has been provided on behalf of its clients, namely Legal & General Retirement Institutional (LGRi).

Raven, a housing association operating across Surrey and Sussex with over 6,600 homes under management, has completed an important funding exercise – of which LGIM RA has provided £50 million – for the development of new homes across the South East of England. Raven’s multi-tenure development programme will provide 1,100 much needed new homes across the affordable rented and shared ownership sector, as well as for market sale.

LGIM RA has a track record of providing long-term capital to a range of registered housing providers across the country, with circa £1 billion invested to date. The Raven transaction further demonstrates Legal & General’s commitment to support housing and infrastructure in the UK, and to supporting organisations that have a positive impact on the communities in which they operate.

As the UK continues to have a chronic shortfall of over 100,000 homes per year, Legal & General is committed to helping address this significant deficit. At Legal & General we are playing our part in changing this. Annuity money is ideally suited for investment in housing and infrastructure, as it can be invested for 20, 30 or 40 years, delivering real economic growth for the UK. The provision of long-term financing to support Raven gives further opportunity for Legal & General to support the development of new homes in the UK.

**Steve Bolton, Investment Manager, Corporate Private Credit, LGIM Real Assets, comments:** “We are pleased to have made this investment on behalf of our clients and supported Raven in this important funding exercise. The fundraise, of which LGIM RA has provided £50 million, will allow for the development of new homes including affordable rented, shared ownership and market sale.

This transaction is a testament to our commitment to this sector, and shows that it continues to be a significant focus for LGIM RA as part of our wider group strategy to deliver much needed quality homes in the volume that society requires.”

**Steve Aleppo, Interim Director of Governance and Finance, Raven Housing Trust, said** “We have ambitious plans at Raven to build 1,100 homes over the next five years, and are delighted to have LGIM RA on board as long-term investors to help fund this ambition. This is a significant milestone for Raven – it’s a great endorsement of our plans to make a difference to the lives of our customers.



We remain passionately committed to our core social purpose of 'Building Homes, Changing Lives' and we want to do more to help people find an affordable place to live and thrive throughout communities in Surrey and Sussex."

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