

Whichers Gate Development

Aster Group

Services: Employers Agent

Contract Dates: July 18 - July 19

Contract Value: £6,700,000.00

Contract Type: Land and Build

Project Overview

Whichers Gate is a Bellway Homes development for Aster Group. It is the S106 element of the Montague Green development of new homes in Rowlands Castle. It was a green field site in a semi-rural location.

The project comprises 42 Units including Shared Ownership and Affordable Rented properties including houses and flats. The properties have been delivered in four phases.

We were appointed Employers Agent to manage the post contract stage of the project. Our role was to replace the clients in-house Employers Agent who had managed the project up to and including the handover of the first 3 No Units Phase 1. Our appointment allowed the clients Agent to move on to the delivery of another scheme.

Once appointed we set up a handover meeting on site with the Development Manager, the Employers Agent and the clients Clerk of Works. This allowed us to review the status of the project both viewing the completed phase 1 units and the status of the further phases. This helped us to understand the client's requirements along with standard setting. Following this we were provided with the contract documentation, drawings, etc which allowed us to review the information prior to our attendance at the next progress meeting. At the meeting the scheme was formally handed over and Keegans were introduced to Bellways team.

We have attempted to step in where the client has left off intergrading as much as possible so there was no change in service level experienced from their own in-house EA. We have undertaken regular site inspections to view progress against programme also reviewing applications for payment accordance with the Contract Sum, programme and progress on site. We are now nearing the completion of phase 2 where we will be snagging and following the client's requirements for Handover.

We have helped to resolve some outstanding defects which have been observed by the CoW but didn't appear to be reaching resolution with the site team. We therefore escalated the issues to the Technical Manager who undertook to resolve the issue. The issues have been monitored and reviewed at the progress meeting and have now been resolved to satisfaction of the client and their CoW.

