



PRESS RELEASE

THE FUTURE FOR ESSEX HOUSE

Thomas Homes will soon start working on building 12 unique apartments on the site of the former Essex House Hotel on the edge of the popular market town of Thame. The flats will be built in two blocks; one on the Chinnor Road site of the original building and the other on what was once the car park. The style of the buildings will recreate the late Victorian architecture of the original property in keeping with the surroundings of the area. "Essex House was an imposing building, a landmark in the area," said Hugh Thomas, MD of Thomas Homes "and we will replace it with structures of equal stature and elegance".

Completion of these 1 & 2-bed apartments is scheduled for spring 2009 and it is anticipated they will be marketed at around £250,000 to £300,000. The buildings will be constructed to provide an eco-friendly environment and the flats will be very thermally efficient. The exterior will be landscaped to create a large, attractive communal garden and allocated parking spaces will be provided for residents.

Thame is a picturesque market town offering excellent facilities including restaurants such as the new and very successful 'Eight At The Thatch' and shops, from small local suppliers, gift shops and clothes boutiques to the larger Waitrose. Surrounded by beautiful, rolling Oxfordshire countryside, the town is ideally located with easy transport links to Oxford, Abingdon and other commercial and cultural centres. It also has the Thame and Haddenham railway station just outside the town centre which provides a quick and direct link to London Marylebone.

The owner of the Essex House Hotel was so delighted when plans were approved by the local Council that they placed a sign outside the property informing all passers-by. The hotel had not been in use for some time and it was not economic to refurbish into a viable dwelling or conversion.

Thomas Homes are well known for building innovative and stylish apartments in the Oxford area. They are currently developing 12 one-bed flats in Littlegate Street, Oxford which are being sold off-plan and 2 houses and 12 apartments on Cumnor Hill, west of Oxford.

For more information on Thomas Homes current developments, please visit www.thomashomes.co.uk.

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