

LATERAL LIVING COMES TO BOLTON



Homebuyers in Bolton will soon be able to embrace ‘lateral living’ with a new development of affordable bungalows at Woodland Close.

And they can rest safely in the knowledge that they are buying what are officially Britain’s happiest homes. According to research, bungalows “breed more contentment” than any other type of dwelling, including traditional village houses, loft apartments and Victorian terraces.*



The bungalows are part of a development from Inspired Developments (ID), the regeneration arm of the Seddon Group. Woodland Close will be made up of 36 homes, with six bungalows available for sale through ID.

The two-bedroom semi-detached bungalows will be built using Modern Methods of Construction, and will achieve a 'Very Good' EcoHomes Standard.

The history of the word "bungalow" can be dated back to 1659. An Anglicisation of the Hindi word "Bangala", meaning Bengali, it described a one-storey house with a thatched-roof and wide veranda. The first bungalow in Britain was built by a Colonel Bragg, who, returning from India, built a lodge with Indian features in Norwood, London, in the 1860s and called it "The Bungalow".

During the 1920s manufacturers exported pre-fabricated versions in large numbers to America, South Africa, Canada, Australia and even back to India. The irony is that while the bungalow thrives and multiplies elsewhere, here it is on the verge of extinction, accounting for just 2% of all UK housing stock.

Denis Maddock, sales and marketing director for Inspired Developments, says: *"Recently we have seen a short supply of new build bungalows, as Government housing policy insists that at least 30 homes are built on every hectare of developed land, making it almost impossible to include single-storey buildings in a scheme." "But bungalows are now the most sought-after properties in the UK, and are now enjoying a renaissance. There is something very appealing about one storey living, with no upstairs-downstairs division that can occur in other types of homes, and this is a rare opportunity to snap up one of these unusual properties. These bungalows have privacy, gardens, and a manageable floor space, and all at a great price for local people."*

Prices start from £124,950, with the first properties completed for occupation in Spring 2008. For more information call local agent Neil Wilkinson MNAEA at Miller Metcalfe in Bolton on 01204 535 353 or 07973 845 161.

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ID is the regeneration arm of The Seddon Group, one of the UK's major privately owned construction groups, with a turnover in excess of £240M, employing 1,700 people.

- For more information on the development, to register your interest and get more information on the range of high specification homes available, call ID on 0845 600 5550.
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