Minister Celebrates Help to Buy Scheme in MK

I was particularly proud to be able to welcome the Secretary of State for Housing and Planning, Brandon Lewis to the Barratt Homes development in Brooklands last week.

His visit coincided with the announcement of the latest figures for the Help to Buy Scheme. Since the launch, the government-backed scheme has helped 88,420 people across the UK buy a new home, with more than 800 new homes bought in Milton Keynes.

Whilst on site we were able to meet with the homebuilders and recent homebuyer Vicky Wood. Standing near the site of her family's new three bedroom home, Vicky, said, "We wouldn't have been able to buy such a large house if we hadn't used Help To Buy, it meant we could find a place that suited us and our money went that little bit further."

Once completed, Brooklands will feature a total of 2,074 quality two, three, four and five bedroomed new homes, as well as a highly-rated primary school, a secondary school, a town square with shops, cafÃ©s and restaurants, plus a park and ride service with regular buses into the centre of MK.

I learnt that building on this particular phase at Brooklands, only started in August and the finished article is certainly impressive. Meeting Vicky and her family, clearly highlighted the benefits this will bring to her family and the other 60 per cent of homebuyers in the Brooklands development who have also taken advantage of the Help to Buy Scheme.