

## Kier secures further prison expansion with HMP Channings Wood contract award

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[Kier](#) has been appointed by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) to deliver an expansion to HMP Channings Wood, a Category C men's prison near Newton Abbot in Devon. This is the latest award for Kier to either build a new prison or expand an existing prison in the UK.

The expansion at HMP Channings Wood will create an additional 494 prison places and will include the delivery of two new fully-electric, energy-efficient X-shaped T60 houseblocks that support the MoJ's continued commitment to reducing carbon emissions through efficient design.

The T60 houseblocks at Channings Wood are the latest iteration of the design that Kier has been appointed to deliver. This work includes fifteen houseblocks across the MoJ estate, following the successful build at HMP Five Wells and ongoing projects at HMP Millsike, HMP Elmley and HMP Bullingdon. The houseblocks will be created using Modern Methods of Construction (MMC), with components manufactured off site.

Kier will also build a workshop at HMP Channings Wood to equip prisoners with the skills and support they need to aid rehabilitation and reduce reoffending.

As part of Kier's commitment to support local communities, the expansion of HMP Channings Wood will provide jobs for local people, including apprenticeships. It will also provide jobs for prison leavers through Kier's Making Ground programme, which offers work opportunities in construction to prisoners released on temporary licence.

Stuart Togwell group managing director, Kier Construction, said: "Kier is proud to be supporting the Justice projects across the UK. We are delighted to be delivering the expansion at HMP Channings Wood in partnership with the Ministry of Justice, where we will use our extensive experience to deliver this project

efficiently and sustainably.”

The expansion of HMP Channings Wood is part of the Accelerated Houseblocks Delivery Programme (AHDP) alliance contract which has been awarded to Kier and Wates. The alliance was procured via the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) Framework, with Kier awarded the expansion projects at HMPs Bullingdon and Elmley, where construction work is currently underway.