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Gavin Bridge to act as advisor to BBRC Homes in first collaboration for new development company Spatia.

New tie-up is part of Spatia's 'create and collaborate' agenda in pursuit of its mission to transform places, communities and lives.

Gavin Bridge, through his new property development company Spatia, is to provide strategic advice to BBRC Homes, part of Bristol & Bath Regional Capital.

The aim of the new partnership is to harness Gavin's development expertise and track record to drive the BBRC Homes business forward and accelerate the pace of delivery of its innovative and affordable housing schemes.

Focused on creating places and spaces that build a better future for people and the planet, Gavin's new company Spatia aims to combine a fresh, open-minded approach with over two decades of successful property development and urban regeneration experience.

BBRC Homes is focused exclusively on delivering high-impact housing schemes, including affordable homes, mixed communities, community-led housing, inter-generational living and key worker homes. BBRC is a Community Interest Company limited by guarantee. It is owned and supported by organisations including Bath Spa University, Bristol City Council, University of the West of England, John Pontin Trust, University of Bath and Voscur.

Gavin commented: *"One of the themes I set out when launching Spatia this year was collaboration with partners and I'm proud that Spatia is working with BBRC Homes, an impact developer, in a new venture with exemplary colleagues and supporters. We shall be announcing more during the year.*

"However, the starting point is always sites. We are looking for land and buildings in Bristol, B&NES, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire, either with or without planning, for developments of at least five homes and ideally 50 or more homes. We are also keen to talk to charities, Registered Providers and community groups who have land and buildings and require a trusted funding and development partner. There is cash in the bank, and we're keen to acquire our first sites over the next three months so really like to hear from anyone with opportunities."

Ed Rowberry, chief executive of BBRC added: *"Bristol & Bath Regional Capital's ambition is to become a significant and commercially-sustainable driving force in the development of the region, catalysing regional change through civic-led, commercially-focused and innovative investment.*

"One of the ways we do this is through the development of new homes and sustainable communities in the West of England, working either in partnership with charity, community and faith groups, or as a sole developer. Gavin's industry profile and track record of delivery will be a real boost for BBRC Homes as we look to build on our current development pipeline and accelerate change through new development and collaboration with partners."

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I want to be challenging the status quo, raising the bar and instigating real change, transforming places, communities and lives by creating sustainable, inclusive neighbourhoods.

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Gavin, who topped South West Business Insider's Property Power list - which recognises the most influential people in the sector - for the past two years in a row, adds: *"I'm hugely excited to be embarking on this collaboration at a time when the world of property, an industry steeped in tradition, is having to reinvent itself as we experience a major shift in how we live, work and play."*

Go to www.spatiauk.com to find out more about Spatia or follow @SpatiaUK on Twitter or Instagram. Follow Gavin Bridge on LinkedIn here.

Go to www.bab-rc.uk to find out more about Bristol and Bath Regional Capital or follow <https://twitter.com/babrc>.


Gavin Bridge, owner and managing director of Spatia, pictured in locations around Bristol including Frome Gateway and Finzels Reach

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