

LEGAL FIRMS FILL BRIEF FOR MANOR PROPERTY PANEL

- **Manor Property Group appoints two top 30 law firms to head panel of legal experts**
- **Irwin Mitchell Sheffield and DWF Manchester appointed.**

Manor Property Group has appointed two of the country's top 30 law firms to head-up their property legal panel. The panel will be headed by Nic Crocker DWF's national head of real estate and Paul Firth, senior property lawyer at Irwin Mitchell, and it will deliver a comprehensive range of legal services for the East Yorkshire based company.

Manor Property Group has circa £850m worth of development projects across a range of markets; 2012 will see the commencement of:

- Purpose built high quality student accommodation
- National roll out of international brand hotels
- Mixed use inner city developments
- Retail developments

Manor Director Robert Lane explained: "We have chosen these two progressive and multi-talented companies to work with us on the wide range of development projects in our portfolio. We will always use specialised legal experts in defined areas when necessary but this panel will be able to assist Manor in its comprehensive plans for 2012 and beyond"

Nic Crocker at DWF said: "We are delighted to have been appointed by Manor, and we look forward to bringing our strong sector expertise and national offering to the table. We will be providing a comprehensive range of property sector legal services to support Manor's future developments and growth."

Paul Firth, who is regional managing partner for Irwin Mitchell's Sheffield office, added "Manor Property Group is an established yet progressive developer with a fantastic track record for delivering high quality projects across a broad range of markets including retail, leisure, commercial and residential. This is another key and exciting win for Irwin Mitchell's Sheffield real estate team and we certainly look forward to working with them on their exciting range of developments."

ENDS

Press contact: Claire Levy 07813 948 373

Notes to editors

Manor Property Group has a broad base of property developments and over 30 years' experience across a wide range of projects spanning leisure, retail, commercial, residential and student developments.

More information at: www.ManorPropertyGroup.com

DWF LLP is one of the fastest growing law firms in the UK. It offers a full range of services to both businesses and private clients with teams specialising in corporate, banking and finance, litigation, real estate, employment and pension, insurance and private client law.

It has over 1,500 people based in Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Newcastle and Preston and has an international reach through its relationships with law firms around the globe.

From SMEs through to multi-nationals, the firm advises on all aspects of law as well as providing specialist advice across a range of sectors including education, energy and infrastructure, food, health, public sector, recruitment, retail, technology and outsourcing and transport and logistics.

DWF was ranked in the top three UK law firms in the 2010 Legal Week Client Satisfaction Survey and was also voted 'National Law Firm of the Year' in the 2011 Legal Business Awards.

Media enquiries to:

Kate Dixon or Claire Gamble at Tangerine PR

Tel: 0161 817 6600

Email: kate.dixon@tangerinepr.com / Claire.gamble@tangerinepr.com

Irwin Mitchell

In April 2011, Irwin Mitchell was the first major law firm to announce that it would become an Alternative Business Structure and that it would seek external investment with the implementation of the final stage of the Legal Services Act. It was also one of the first firms to begin the application process when the Solicitors Regulation Authority began accepting applications on January 3rd.

One of the largest law firms in the UK, Irwin Mitchell was first established in 1912 and is celebrating its centenary this year. The firm employs more than 2100 staff and has more than 150 Partners. There are offices in Birmingham, Glasgow, Leeds, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Bristol and Sheffield as well as a consulting office in Leicester and two offices in Spain. For more information visit www.irwinmitchell.com.

The firm won the FT Innovative Lawyers award in 2011 for best corporate strategy and was also named in the Industry Pioneers category. It was ranked in the Top 50 litigators in the world by The

Lawyer magazine and in 2011 was named as one of the leading companies in the country for commitment to local communities in the prestigious Business in the Community's (BITC) annual Corporate Responsibility Index.

The real estate team was also named 'Property Law Firm of the Year 2011' by Yorkshire Business Insider.

Other accolades include being listed among the top five Most Diverse Law firms in the UK by the Black Solicitors Network. The Legal Sector Alliance also found Irwin Mitchell to have the 2nd Lowest Carbon Footprint of any UK law firm.

Contact: David Shirt 07720 509 912 David.Shirt@IrwinMitchell.com