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Brentford Lock West shortlisted for Housing Design Awards

The third phase of the multi-award winning Brentford Lock West – designed by GRID architects for innovative regenerator, Waterside Places - has been shortlisted for this year's Housing Design Awards. The awards programme celebrates high-quality residential schemes from across the country with the goal of highlighting successes that can be replicated in future developments.

The designs will form the third and final phase are part of a wider masterplan by Waterside Places – a strategic joint venture between national urban regenerator, Muse Developments and the Canal & River Trust. Located in Brentford Lock, Hounslow, the final phase will create 452 homes, of which 40% will be designated as affordable. Alongside these, there will be a mixture of retail, businesses and community facilities, a new bus depot, bridge link over the canal. The diversity of provision across the 1.95-hectare site will further add to the thriving, vibrant community that has been created.

Arranged as a series of buildings enclosing informal courtyards, GRID's design builds upon the urban grain established by earlier phases of the masterplan. Where the development fronts onto the canal facades will take influence from the industrial heritage of these former working waterways.

The proposal also includes a new footbridge across the Grand Union Canal and a new public square, along with the restoration of one of the site's existing warehouse frames, which hangs over the water. With a strong focus on the pedestrian experience of the urban realm, the design places the canal centre stage within community life. The public square will be a bustling and vibrant space, sitting between the canal towpath and Durham Wharf Drive which threads between each phase of the masterplan development.

The wider Brentford Lock West scheme forms part of Waterside Places' long-term transformation of the area to breathe new life into Brentford through the delivery of over 700 much-needed homes. Close to local shops, leisure facilities, parks and waterside walkways, the scheme has been carefully designed to maximise the waterside location, while offering high-quality homes, community spaces and commercial buildings in a desirable west London destination.

Colin Veitch, Director at GRID architects said,

We are excited to have been shortlisted, it is a testament to the ambitions we have for the end result once built. The scheme celebrates the area's industrial heritage and is strongly influenced by the waterside, with a scale and materiality to suit. We've also responded to the layout and arrangements of the earlier masterplan phases helping to shape a neighbourhood that will be a great place to live and work.

James Stockdale, Development Director at Waterside Places, said:

“It's a proud moment to see the final phase our Brentford Lock West scheme shortlisted for a prestigious Housing Design Award. It's a huge complement for everyone involved and is testament to the architecturally impressive and distinctive homes we've worked so hard to deliver here. We look forward to completing the final piece of this high-quality, award-winning regeneration project,

which will benefit the whole community.”