

# News

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## **Muse and Notting Hill Genesis work together to deliver affordable homes in Brixton**

National urban regenerator, Muse Developments, London Borough of Lambeth and leading registered provider, Notting Hill Genesis Housing Group have signed a deal to deliver 30 new affordable homes in the final phase of development at Olive Morris House in the heart of Brixton.

Contractor McAleer and Rushe is currently on the site completing the demolition of Olive Morris House, before starting on the new building of 74 homes, which is anticipated to complete in late 2022.

Lambeth's Archives will be located in a modern bespoke facility open to the general public on the ground floor and basement in the new building. The collection documents 1,000 years of the area's local history as well as holding 500 years' worth of records of Lambeth as a local authority, including collections of national significance and a rich local studies collection. The current provision of this collection at the Minet Library has been on site since 1890, but the current building has a number of limitations and it is no longer fit for purpose.

In partnership with the London Borough of Lambeth, this is the final phase of the hugely successful Your New Town Hall project. To date the team has fully refurbished the Grade II listed town hall; delivered a new 120,000 sq ft civic building for the borough, 120 new homes (40% affordable) and commercial / retail space in the refurbished Ivor House, and newly built Somerset Place / Maugham House.

Development director at Muse Developments, James Stockdale, said: "This is the second time we've worked with Notting Hill Genesis in Brixton to bring forward much-needed affordable homes and we're delighted to be working with them again.

"We're at a proud moment for everyone involved in the Your New Town Hall regeneration, as we begin the final phase of the scheme. We believe that we have transformed and repurposed key buildings and sites in the centre of Brixton into a new vibrant mixed-use community."

Cllr Matthew Bennett, cabinet member for planning, investment and new homes, said: "Your New Town Hall project that has already delivered enormous benefits for the people of Lambeth, with over a hundred homes built to date. The redevelopment of Olive Morris House will deliver even more homes, and it will also provide a new home for Lambeth's historic and treasured archive.

"I'm delighted that we're now taking the final steps to completing a successful project that has seen the council move from 14 office buildings into just two, saving the council at least £4.5 million a year in running costs and creating 200 homes in central Brixton - almost half of them affordable - with 55 homes for social rent for local families."

James MacPherson, director of new business at Notting Hill Genesis Housing Group, said: The thirty affordable homes being delivered at Olive Morris House will provide much-needed new homes for local people in Lambeth; we are particularly pleased that twelve of these homes are family-sized three bed apartments let at social rent levels."