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Muse selected to deliver major Horsham Enterprise Park regeneration

National urban regenerator, Muse Developments, has been appointed by West Sussex County Council as its preferred development partner to deliver Horsham Enterprise Park – a sustainable and inclusive new neighbourhood for Horsham, which will provide commercial space for a range of employment uses, high-quality homes and extensive public realm.

The 18.5-acre Horsham Enterprise Park will deliver up to 270,000 sq ft of high-quality employment space, including offices, R&D facilities and an Enterprise Hub; up to 300 new homes, with a 35% affordable housing provision and local amenities surrounded by generous outdoor spaces for the community to enjoy.

Throughout the life of the partnership, both the council and Muse are committed to creating an innovative, sustainable landscape that minimises the impact of cars, as well as forming a network of safe pedestrian and cycling routes that will connect the scheme with the surrounding areas of Horsham. Alongside this the scheme will celebrate the iconic 1930s Art Deco central building and the grand avenue of blue cedar trees across the development.

Duncan Cumberland, development director at Muse Developments, said: “To receive the news that our submission to West Sussex County Council to deliver Horsham Enterprise Park had been successful, is testament to the hard work of everyone involved in the bid process. This is an exciting opportunity to create a thriving, sustainable place and we’re proud to have been selected.

“We’re looking forward to building on the excellent work undertaken to date by West Sussex County Council and working with them and the community to strengthen our relationship and bring forward a masterplan to drive inward investment and community wealth to leave a long-lasting, positive legacy.”

Lee Harris, executive director for place services at West Sussex County Council, said: “This is an exciting milestone in making our vision for Horsham Enterprise Park a reality. Muse has more than 30 years’ experience in developing mixed-use schemes across the UK and importantly, they have a strong focus on delivering sustainable projects, which will be evident in the plans for Horsham Enterprise Park.

“It’s clear that Muse share our vision for the design of flexible and modern workspaces to support local businesses as part of a mixed-use community incorporating a range of high-quality homes. We’re looking forward to working with them to deliver our ambitions for Horsham Enterprise Park.”

Savills acted on behalf of West Sussex County Council. Alex McKinlay, director, head of Savills public sector land, said: “This is a great milestone for the council, following a highly competitive and hard-fought process. Muse looks set to deliver a stunning scheme that will have far-reaching benefits for the Horsham community and beyond.”

As part of the development, Muse intend to engage with Oxford Innovation to deliver the Enterprise Hub. This will encourage new business and economic activity, with a focus on start-ups, micro and small businesses. The Enterprise Hub will support small business growth in and around the Horsham area.

The next stage for the partnership will see Muse look to submit a reserved matters planning application to Horsham District Council in late Autumn for the first phase of homes, following a community consultation exercise.