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Rathbone Market phase three shortlisted for New London Architecture award

The English Cities Fund is celebrating as phase three of its Rathbone Market scheme has been shortlisted for a highly-coveted New London Architecture Award.

The scheme beat off stiff competition to secure the nomination, with the winner revealed at a lunch in July attended by over 700 of the capital's leading decision makers and professionals across design, development, planning and construction.

Multi-award-winning architects Project Orange, were set the challenge to design a building that has a sense of place, while being approachable and somewhere to call home. The strategy called out for three linked blocks that sit in a 'C' configuration, open to the southerly aspect with the four residential cores accessed from a garden. All ground floor apartments are two-storey, with generous four-metre tall ceilings, their own front doors and back gardens onto the courtyard garden contributing to the lively neighbourhood experience.

James Soane, director at Project Orange said: "It is great news to see Rathbone Market phase three being nominated for the prestigious NLA 2018 awards, in a category that calls for the very best examples of 'creating exemplary new places for people to live.' Throughout the project the whole team were committed to designing and delivering a project of high quality with particular attention being paid to the communal areas, the garden and the generosity of the apartments."

The English Cities Fund is the joint venture between Muse Developments, Legal and General and Homes England, and has worked closely with Newham Council over the last decade to deliver the wider three-phase Rathbone Market regeneration project.

The £160 million Rathbone Market mixed-use development has created 652 new homes, 32,000 sq ft of retail space, a brand new library and neighbourhood centre and two new public spaces including the permanent home of the newly revitalised Rathbone Market.

Duncan Cumberland, residential development director for the English Cities Fund, said: "It's great news that phase three of our Rathbone Market scheme has been recognised by the New London Architecture awards, as one of the best places to live in the capital.

"Rathbone Market has transformed this area of Newham, creating a new sustainable, mixed-use community as part of the Canning Town & Custom House Regeneration Area programme and acting as a catalyst for the wider regeneration of the area.

"The mix of private sale, affordable and rented properties makes it an exemplar mixed-tenure scheme, meaning it has greatly improved the local housing supply and offers real choice to a broad spectrum of residents."

The New London Architecture awards recognise the very best in architecture, planning and development in the capital, including both new and proposed projects across all sectors of the built environment, selected by an international expert jury.