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Rathbone Market scoops Sunday Times British Homes Award



The third phase of English Cities Fund (ECf)'s Rathbone Market project in Canning Town has been crowned Development of the Year (schemes of more than 200 homes) at The Sunday Times British Homes Awards 2017.

The scheme, known as Lumire, beat off stiff competition from Lend Lease, Berkeley Homes and EcoWorld Ballymore to scoop the national title at a prestigious awards ceremony attended by hundreds of key players in the residential property industry.

Designed by multi-award-winning architects Project Orange, Lumire is arranged in a horse-shoe configuration with 216 homes located within three blocks around communal gardens and allotments. The design incorporates two contrasting shades of brick and bronze-coloured feature balconies.

Lumire includes a mix of tenures with 75 privately-owned homes, 87 private rented homes that are owned and managed by LaSalle Investment Management and 54 affordable homes, including both shared ownership and rental delivered for Notting Hill Housing. All of the new homes are now sold and occupied.

ECf, a joint venture between Muse Developments, Legal and General Property and the Homes and Communities Agency, has worked closely with Newham Council over the last decade to deliver the wider three-phase Rathbone Market regeneration project.

The £160 million 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, development director for ECf, said: "It's great news that the third phase of our Rathbone Market scheme has been recognised on a national stage as one of the best new residential developments in the country.

"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."