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Two for two as Muse celebrates double Building of the Year shortlisting

Two Greater Manchester schemes have been shortlisted to the final six, to be in with a chance of winning the coveted Greater Manchester Building of the Year gong.

The Building of the Year Award, by Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, recognises a building's contribution to Greater Manchester in terms of construction and development.

Phil Mayall, regional director at Muse Developments, said: "To receive one shortlisting for the Greater Manchester Building of the Year Award is a great achievement, but to receive two really highlights the hard work put in by colleagues and partners alike.

"At Muse, partnership working is the vital to the success of any development. It's a value we hold close and we make sure it's evident in every scheme we deliver."

The Grade II Listed Mackie Mayor building in Manchester's Northern Quarter has reopened its doors to the public following decades of dereliction, after being restored to its former glory by Muse.

The Mackie Mayor is the only remaining fully intact building from the former Smithfield market. Opened in 1858, it was originally used as a fresh produce market, but had lain empty since the early 1990's.

Salford's multi-award winning Timekeepers Square and the Mackie Mayor building in the heart of Manchester's Northern Quarter are both in the running, which saw Oldham Town Hall take home the gold last year.

Timekeepers Square is a series of 36, two, three and four-bedroom townhouses that was designed by architects, Buttress, for the English Cities Fund - a joint venture between Muse Developments, Legal & General and Homes England.

Set within the Adelphi/Bexley conservation area, the design is a contemporary re-interpretation of the scheme's neighbouring Georgian terraces. Each block has been set out to re-establish the historic urban grain of the area, focusing on the architectural and urban focal point of Grade II* listed St Phillips Church, while also serving to define a new communal courtyard at the heart of the development.

Managing director at Buttress, Gavin Sorby, said: "To have one project in the shortlist is privilege. To have two is a fantastic achievement and testament to high delivery and design standards the practice prides itself on."

The Building of the Year Award will be presented at the Chamber's Property and Construction Annual Dinner on 4th October. The Apprentice of the Year Award will also be presented during the event. Last year over 400 delegates attended this celebration of the industry.