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Valette Square shortlisted for Housing Design Award

Valette Square – the striking scheme of 33 homes designed by Buttress for The English Cities Fund – has been shortlisted for a prestigious Housing Design Award in the projects category.

The project brings forward 33 innovative two, three and four bedroom townhouses, situated just off Chapel Street, Salford's historic and civic core.

Valette Square is the fourth residential scheme the practice has developed in the area for the fund and neighbours the multi-award winning Timekeepers Square, which completed in 2017.

The design aims to integrate the new homes into the area by establishing a relationship with Timekeepers Square. To achieve this, a link from Adelphi Street to Wilton Place, which divides the development site and Timekeepers Square, will be created. Lined with trees and other planting, this new 'green street' creates a pedestrian route to and from Adelphi Street, providing a physical link between the two developments. This leads into a new public square with landscaped seating, offering opportunities for interaction between residents and the wider community.

The townhouses' design responds to the area's existing Georgian vernacular and echoes the appearance of Timekeepers Square, providing a close visual relationship between the two developments. The proposed brick picks up on the grey and white blend found at the neighbouring homes and incorporates red multi-tones, referencing local, historic red brick buildings, which allows the scheme to sit sensitively within its context, while also being read as a new distinct community.

Andy Avery, Director at Buttress, said: "The Housing Design Awards are among the most highly regarded awards programmes in the industry, so we are delighted that Valette Square has been recognised in this year's shortlist. This scheme will create a contemporary, sustainable city-centre neighbourhood that will add to and enrich the ongoing regeneration of the area."

Leon Guyett, Development Director at The English Cities Fund, said: "We're proud to be continuing on from the success of previous schemes, by offering high-quality homes for the city of Salford that are unique in both their design, character and sustainability credentials."

"We're proud that the scheme has been shortlisted for such a coveted award, which is testament to the efforts of our colleagues and partners, who work tirelessly to deliver the best-possible schemes for the community."

Established in 1948, the Housing Design Awards is the country's longest running awards programme. It is also the only industry awards promoted by all five major institutions – RICS, RIBA, RPTI, Landscape Institute and Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists.

The English Cities Fund is a strategic joint venture between urban regenerator, Muse Developments, Legal & General and Homes England, that is responsible for delivering the 50-acre Salford Central masterplan in close collaboration with Salford City Council.