

Larden Road opening

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One of bptw's major mixed use schemes for Genesis Housing Group is now complete. The opening ceremony for the Larden Road (Factory Quarter) scheme took place on the 10th March, with councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, leader of Hammersmith and Fulham Council, cutting the ribbon.

The exciting development situated near Turnham Green is an exemplar of collaborative working between bptw, GHM and Living Architects alongside Farrar Huxley as landscape architects.

The scheme involved the regeneration of the former Prestolite factory and has been transformed into a vibrant mixed use development, providing 453 residential units. The accommodation is mixed tenure offering private sale, shared ownership and social rent options; with 10% of the units being assessable for wheelchair use. The residential units meet Lifetime Homes and SDS standards, with many of the family units being very generous in size, often over 100m².

In addition to residential units, the scheme offers retail and commercial space, with community meeting facilities also on the site. The landscaping has been well thought out with interconnected green spaces linking all the residential blocks to encourage pedestrian interaction. A café, children's play area, quiet areas to sit and relax and tree planting all help to enhance the shared amenity space.

Green energy solutions have been high on the agenda at Larden Road. A community power and heating system incorporating a biomass boiler has been installed, which combined with wind turbines will meet the 10% renewable energy target for the development. Recycling requirements are integrated within bin stores and cycle storage is provided close to entrance lobbies. Overall the project has reduced energy requirements of the building and has achieved an Eco Homes 'Very Good' rating, aided by increasing wall insulation over and above the building requirements regulations.

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