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Brentford Lock West secures RIBA National Award



Brentford Lock West in west London has been awarded the prestigious RIBA National and RIBA London awards for The Halyards – the first homes to be delivered as part of the 520-home scheme.

The Muse Developments and Canal and River Trust partnership scheme was designed by leading architects Duggan Morris. The Halyards enjoy a prime location alongside the Grand Union Canal in Brentford and have been sensitively designed to reflect the area’s industrial heritage, while maximising their waterside location.

The homes, which offer generous balconies and the majority of which enjoy stunning waterside views, were commended by the RIBA judges for “creating a distinctive presence” and for setting a “clear standard of excellence”.

First launched in early 2013, the development has proved popular, with the majority of homes on the first phase of this development already reserved. While residents at The Halyards may already be settled into their new waterside homes, a limited selection of two and three bedroom apartments, as well as four bedroom townhouses still remain available for sale on the current phase.

John Robinson, Development Director at Muse Developments, said: “The response we have had to the development since its launch has been really positive, with demand from local buyers in

particular proving strong. It has always been important to us that we bring in a number of architects to design this development, allowing us to deliver an architecturally varied and impressive scheme that offers buyers the opportunity to secure a unique and very special new home. The Halyards were the first of the homes to launch and I think the recent award wins are testament to Duggan Morris' work here."

Joe Morris, Director, Duggan Morris Architects, added: "Our time working on Brentford Lock West has been both rewarding and challenging. The team were fully immersed in a collaborative approach from the start, which allowed us to fully unlock the potential of this unique site. We are incredibly pleased that the scheme has been recognized and awarded by the RIBA, this is a shared triumph for design, client and community working together."

Stuart Mills, Canal & River Trust Property Director, said: "We're delighted Brentford Lock West has been recognised by the RIBA national award. The building is an exceptional first step in this exciting development which will create a high quality place for both the local community and visitors to Brentford, and help to transform this location into a gateway to the inland waterway network that we can all be proud of. It provides a benchmark in design quality that other canal-side developments should aspire to, and that is a great credit to the ISIS Waterside Regeneration Team, including Duggan Morris architects, and our project staff at the Trust."

Situated along the banks of the Grand Union Canal, Brentford Lock West forms part of a five year project, which is expected to breathe new life into Brentford, through the delivery of 520 new homes. In addition to providing much needed new housing, the scheme is delivering new community spaces and commercial buildings, helping to create new jobs for the area. The homes offer buyers a unique opportunity to secure a new, highly specified home, while benefiting from a host of community features and green initiatives.

RIBA National Awards are the most rigorously judged awards for architectural excellence. RIBA National Award winning buildings set the standard for good architecture. Just 37 national winners were picked from over 100 regional winners.