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## First phase of major regeneration scheme Lewisham Gateway completes



The first phase of a major South East London regeneration scheme is now complete, marking a significant step forward in the transformation of Lewisham town centre.

Lewisham Gateway has so far delivered 193 new homes over two buildings designed by PRP Architects, close to 6,000 sq ft of ground floor retail space and a reconfigured highways network.

The development is a joint project between urban regeneration specialist Muse Developments, the London Borough of Lewisham, the Mayor of London and Transport for London, supported by the Homes and Communities Agency.

The first of the two buildings to complete was forward sold to PRS operator Fizzy Living and opened in June 2016. It provides 68 high quality apartments for rent.

All 125 apartments which make up the second building, Portrait, have now been sold or reserved, with the first residents having moved in during October last year.

Infrastructure improvements included the wholesale removal of a roundabout and implementation of a new highways system, releasing land to accommodate future development. Two new and accessible river corridors for the Ravensbourne and Quaggy rivers have been created, forming the space for a new urban park, Confluence Place, at the centre of the scheme

Michael Auger, regional director for Muse Developments, said: “Lewisham Gateway is already delivering real change in Lewisham town centre, and will enable it to fulfil its potential as one of London’s key metropolitan centres, given the scale of change to local infrastructure.

“The completion of the first phase is a huge achievement and a testament to true partnership working, without which, this project could not have been realised.

“We’ve made strides in delivering a vastly enhanced Lewisham town centre, improving access to its public transport hub and close to 200 new homes. But this is just the start and we look forward to continuing to work closely with our partners on the development of future phases.”

Construction of the next phase, two landmark buildings of 15 and 22 storeys buildings providing 169 new homes with ground floor retail and restaurants, is under way.

Ultimately the scheme will regenerate the area between the DLR station and Lewisham Shopping Centre, delivering up to 900 homes, some 160,000 sq ft retail, restaurants, hotel and leisure space and a new urban park with enhanced waterways.