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Introducing Greenhaus: The English Cities Fund and Salix Homes to bring 96 sustainable, affordable homes to Salford

The English Cities Fund (ECF) and Salford housing provider, Salix Homes, have struck a landmark agreement to bring forward the latest phase of 96 homes at ECF's £1bn, 50-acre Salford Central masterplan, taking the overall percentage of affordable homes to 25% across the entire scheme.

Plot E6, as it is currently known, will be renamed Greenhaus - pointing towards its highly sustainable nature and the ambition to become Passivhaus1 certified. The development also includes new public Electric Vehicle parking spaces, public square and greatly enhanced landscaping.

Greenhaus, will be situated directly adjacent to its highly successful sister development, Atelier, and continues ECF's success in creating a vibrant and inclusive neighbourhood through the delivery of a number of residential developments across the wider scheme.

Since 2013, ECF has delivered multiple award-winning residential developments on Chapel Street, including Vimto Gardens (97 apartments and townhouses), Timekeepers Square (36 townhouses), Carpino Place (22 townhouses), Atelier (179 apartments and townhouses) and Valette Square (33 townhouses). Each development is unique in design, representing both Salford's rich heritage and aspiration, with high-quality fittings throughout and amenities on the doorstep to create a connected community.

ECF's £1bn Salford Central masterplan, which is repurposing over 50 acres of Salford's civic centre into an innovative and vibrant mixed-use destination. The fund is a strategic joint venture between national urban regenerator, Muse Developments, Legal & General and Homes England, with the scheme being delivered in partnership with Salford Council.

Maggie Grogan, senior development manager at The English Cities Fund, said: "We're delighted to be working with Salix Homes to bring forward the next exciting chapter of the Salford Central story and one that will deliver much-needed affordable homes for the local community.

"As a responsible business, we're leading the charge and are committed to developing innovative ways we can deliver regeneration more sustainably and do our bit to tackle the climate crisis. So, to be able to deliver sustainable and affordable homes in the heart of Salford, is testament to the hard work, tenacity and progressive thinking of everyone involved.

"We believe that we're continuing to add to this diverse place through our work repurposing key parts of the city in partnership, by delivering choice and amenities, driving investment, while providing opportunities, all to directly benefit Salford community and we can't wait to get started."

Gwilym Smith from Max Fordham and Sally Godber at WARM Low Energy Building Practice, added: "We're excited to be involved with the Salford E6 Project which is set to be the biggest Passivhaus project yet in Manchester and one of the largest in the UK at 96 dwellings. It is great to see these larger projects coming forwards as Passivhaus gains momentum; helping manage both emissions and energy costs, whilst also delivering outstanding quality housing and comfort for future occupants. As well as having low energy use, the project also supports the transition to low-carbon

energy sources, as it is all electric, and includes Solar PV generation.”

It is anticipated that Greenhaus will start on site in January 2022 with a build programme of approximately 24 months.