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Lewisham Gateway wins planning gong

Lewisham Gateway – one of the South East’s largest regeneration schemes – has been awarded the best borough-led project title at this year’s Building London Planning Awards.

The awards, delivered by BusinessLDN, in partnership with the Mayor of London, celebrate outstanding town planning and creative development from across London.

Judges commented that Lewisham Gateway “Removes intimidating gyratory and de-culverts two rivers as a centrepiece to a new park and gateway to the town centre. The development is transformative and will boost the attractiveness of the town centre bringing environmental and economic benefits and affordable housing to assist social wellbeing.”

The place-changing scheme in the heart of Lewisham, is being delivered by leading regeneration company, Muse, Lewisham Council, Get Living and contractor Balfour Beatty.

Once the regeneration of the area completes in 2023, 1,000 new homes – including affordable homes for local residents – along with a retail and leisure offering not seen in the area before, will have been delivered. Lewisham Gateway has also been supported by Homes England’s Housing Infrastructure Fund.

The £252m build-to-rent-led forward funding deal from Get Living, which was sealed during the height of the pandemic, was the largest of its kind in London in 2020, highlighting investor confidence in the major regeneration scheme.

Beyond bricks and mortar benefits, the project team is leaving a positive legacy in the area, by working with partners to equip members of the community with skills and opportunities that will support them into employment and help them gain qualifications.

Michael Orr, development director at Muse, said: “We’re so proud to win this award with our partners at the council, and we’re delighted with the progress we’re making at Lewisham Gateway. This place-changing project really highlights what can be achieved when the best of the public and private sector come together, to repurpose our towns and cities; driving investment right into the heart of Lewisham and providing opportunities to build a brighter future for all.

John Dickie, chief executive at BusinessLDN, said: “After two challenging years, the successful projects show London remains a leader in innovation and design. The awards reflect the quality of new developments in the capital and its ability to regenerate, helping it to continue to be the best place in the world in which to do business.”