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Plans submitted to bring forward near net zero building in South Shields

A planning application has been submitted by national urban regenerator, Muse Developments and South Tyneside Council, to bring forward one of the first near net zero buildings in the North East region at The Glassworks – a striking 50,000 sq ft riverside office building – at Harton Quay in South Shields.

The proposed development, designed by Ryder Architecture, will repurpose a key area in South Tyneside and be built on brownfield land across five storeys with basement parking, a reception area offering co-working space and coffee bar, as well as a roof terrace with panoramic waterside views.

The southern part of the site will feature a landscaped area leading down to the Grade II-listed Customs House and Harton Quays Park. The scheme will improve links between the river front and the wider town centre regeneration, being delivered by Muse and South Tyneside Council as part of the 365 regeneration masterplan.

David Wells, regional director at Muse Developments, said: “We’re delighted to have submitted planning for one of the first near net zero buildings in the region at The Glassworks that will once again drive inward investment, boost jobs and generate community wealth at a time that it’s needed most.

“The property sector has a major role in addressing the climate emergency through the delivery of a new building that is kinder to the environment and is adaptable to change and differing needs in the future. At Muse, together with partners, we’re committed to building back better in a bid to deliver a tangible and meaningful contribution to reducing the sector’s carbon footprint.”

If approved, the development would transform vacant brownfield land and would acknowledge the site’s industrial heritage by retaining the chimney and historic wall from the former Swinburne Glassworks.

The Glassworks would pave the way for further office space in a 4.5 hectare section of the 10.5 hectare Holborn site, which was awarded Enterprise Zone status after a successful bid supported by the Local Enterprise Partnership.