

# News

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## Salford's Atelier marks milestone with topping out

Innovative development partnership, The English Cities Fund, safely joined with partners recently to mark another major milestone in the successful Salford Central story, with one of its latest residential developments, Atelier, reaching its highest point.

Partners marked the occasion with a traditional 'topping out' ceremony, which was attended by a representative of the fund and contractor, Eric Wright Construction.

Once complete, Atelier will provide 167 high-quality one, two and three-bedroom apartments, alongside 11 three-bedroom townhouses and active ground-floor commercial space, located on Chapel Street, which is now one of Salford's most up and coming areas.

Atelier is part of the wider £1bn 50-acre Salford Central masterplan, being delivered by The English Cities Fund – a strategic joint venture between urban regenerator, Muse Developments, Legal & General and Homes England – in partnership with Salford Council, which is transforming a key area of the city into two vibrant, commercial and residential districts.

Currently the fund has three residential developments and two commercial buildings on site as part of the masterplan, which are all being delivered safely and in line with current government guidelines.

Maggie Grogan, senior development surveyor at The English Cities Fund, said: "The changing landscape across Chapel Street into a vibrant destination has been a privilege to see over the past few years, and being part of that change is a proud feeling for all at the fund and we're delighted to reach this significant milestone safely.

"What we're seeing here is a shining example of what we can achieve when the public and private sector work together, to create an innovative development that will deliver much-needed homes for Salford, driving inward investment, growth and prosperity to benefit the whole of the city."

"This is an incredible milestone for our Salford Central development, and through the continued efforts from our colleagues and partners, we're making significant progress to deliver high-quality buildings on time, and within government guidelines.

John Wilson, managing director of Eric Wright Construction, commented: "This is another fantastic scheme for Salford and we're pleased to have reached this important milestone in the build.

"With our extensive experience in residential schemes, as well as our significant knowledge and presence in Greater Manchester, it's an honour to play an integral part in bringing forward this modern housing development for the residents of Salford.

Building on the fund's success at Salford Central, it was named earlier in the year by Salford Council and the University of Salford as their chosen development partner to take forward Salford Crescent – a game-changing £2.5bn, 240-acre programme of regeneration delivered through a unique partnership that will bring forward a new city district with thousands of homes, alongside innovation and education space, as well as swathes of green public space.

The fund is also delivering some of the most complex and most successful urban regeneration

projects across the UK. Following the fund's expansion in 2018, it continues to take on large-scale, challenging sites and create inspiring new places.