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LOVELL GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT FOR REGENERATION SCHEME IN WOOLWICH



A £290m regeneration scheme by Lovell has been given the go-ahead by Royal Borough of Greenwich to build 766 quality new homes in Woolwich. The six-year project will see Lovell develop the former Morris Walk North and South estates into a mix of one, two, three and four bedroom houses and apartments. The two new developments, to be called Trinity Park and Trinity Rise, will provide affordable and private sale homes, alongside associated landscaped communal amenity spaces, play spaces, parking and non-residential usage. Richard Harvey, Partner at PRP said: "We are proud to have led a truly collaborative process with Lovell and the Royal Borough of Greenwich to re-imagine the future of Morris North and South, creating two diverse and contextually integrated neighbourhoods that are rich in character and in high-quality amenities. We are excited to

have already started the technical design and are committed to the delivery and success of the fantastic new homes and of the wider regeneration."

The new schemes will provide a high-quality inclusive design which are sympathetic to the surrounding area, strengthening the visual connection across the rail line and providing green links to Maryon Park, which will also benefit from financial contributions for improvements. The scale and form of the new buildings respond to the existing homes in the immediate context and integrate new green squares for people to meet and play. Demolition work on the Morris Walk north and south started in July 2020 and it is anticipated that the construction on the main build will look to commence in early 2022.

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NISSEN RICHARDS' PLANNING APPROVED



Designs by Nissen Richards Studio for the redevelopment of a complex, central Watford site, encompassing a new, mixed-use scheme that includes 25 residential units and a commercial ground floor area, have now received planning permission. The project is for client 46 and 48-50 High Street Limited and includes the removal of two locally-listed buildings on Watford High Street. The new scheme is comprised of two blocks, connected at ground level, where there are retail units and a residential entrance, along with bike and bin stores. The two blocks are

WORLD-CLASS, ULTRA-HIGH DENSITY DESIGN COMING TO SOUTH CHINA

Ronald Lu & Partners (RLP), known for its future-ready designs, brings its expertise in designing for ultra-high density urban environments to China. The Greater Bay Area (GBA), a region covering the cities of Hong Kong, Macau, and nine fast-developing municipalities in Guangdong Province*. Most of these cities were once considered industrial areas; they are now being redeveloped. With urbanisation in China rapidly expanding and populations increasing, the GBA is an integral part of South China. The overall development strategy. The GBA is being shaped into a world-class city cluster of the future that will be an ideal place for living, working and travelling. Approximately 56,000 km² in size with a population of around 86 million people**, the GBA is a major focal point for China. The innovation-driven development drive, which encourages sustainable urban living while connecting communities and creating convenience for residents. This comes at a crucial time, with the exploration of ways to develop cities of the future and smart towns at an all-time high. RLP is bringing their expertise in human-centric designs and sustainable strategies for high-density urban environments into this exciting setting. By improving the GBA's ecological quality, developing human-centric spatial layouts and industrial structures, and putting green, low-carbon and circular development into practice, the firm will help make the GBA environmentally conscious and sustainably driven.

separated at the first – podium – level by a courtyard. The proposed massing was split into two to address the different conditions and scales of buildings facing two streets: the High Street and Wellstones. The front block (facing High Street) roughly aligns with the existing massing of the prevalent 4-storey buildings that front the High Street, whilst an 8-storey tower was proposed to the rear (facing Wellstones) to reflect the number of new, taller developments on that street.

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