

Barton Park wins top planning award

Barton Park, the planned neighbourhood to the north east of Oxford, has won the award for 'Planning for Housing Growth' at the 2014 Planning Awards.

Commenting on their decision, the judges said: "This project aims to create a garden city suburb in Oxford and the judges were impressed by excellent partnership between private and public sectors to enable growth."

The development, which is being delivered by Barton Oxford LLP, a joint venture by Oxford City Council and Grosvenor Development Limited, will provide up to 885 new homes, a food store, primary school and new community facilities, including a linear park.

Councillor Bob Price, leader of Oxford City Council, says: "I am delighted that the scheme has been recognised as best in class: our joint venture with one of the country's most prestigious development companies is going to deliver a new garden suburb and much needed housing. This is one of the Council's key priorities."

David Edwards, the Council's Executive Director for City Regeneration, says: "Oxford City Council and its partners share a commitment to sustainable housing development. We are delighted with this award."

Edward Skeates, development director at Grosvenor Development Limited, says: "Oxford is one of the most constrained cities for housing in the UK and there's a real need for a variety of high quality homes in the city.

"It's fantastic that Barton Park is already being recognised as part of the solution to meeting this need and its potential to be a great place for people to live."

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