

FIRST HOUSEBUILDER SELECTED FOR BARTON PARK

Hill chosen to deliver first phase of new homes

20th January 2015, Oxford: The Barton Oxford LLP, a partnership between Oxford City Council and Grosvenor Developments Limited, has announced that it has selected Hill to develop the first phase of new homes at Barton Park.

Barton Park is a planned residential-led neighbourhood to the north-east of Oxford which will deliver up to 885 new homes, alongside a new primary school, food store, community hub and a new linear park.

Hill, which was recently crowned Medium-sized Housebuilder of the Year at The Housebuilder Awards 2014, will deliver, subject to planning, 237 new homes on the 8.75 acre site adjacent to the A40. 40% of the homes, which will be a mixture of apartments and houses, will be affordable housing.

Councillor Scott Seamons, Oxford City Council Board Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration, said: "We welcome the appointment of the award-winning Hill to work on the Barton Park development. These new homes for rent and to buy will be built to an agreed plan that helps to meet the city's housing needs and also provides a high quality sustainable environment for the residents."

Andy Hill, CEO of Hill, commented: "Barton Park will address one of the council's top priorities, helping to ease the acute housing shortage in the city, by providing well-designed, innovative and sustainable housing for a range of buyers and we are delighted to be working alongside the Barton Oxford LLP to deliver this important project."

Commenting on the appointment, Edward Skeates, Director of Development, Strategic Land at Grosvenor Developments Limited, said: "The appointment of Hill is a real coup for Barton Park and will set a new quality and design benchmark for housing in Oxford. We start our infrastructure works later this year so that once Hill achieves detailed consent for its new homes, they can start on site towards the end of 2015."

Hill has appointed Alison Brooks Architects and Pollard Thomas Edwards Architects to work with them to design the new homes, which will adhere with the Barton Oxford LLP's Design Code. The Design Code was developed to inform and guide design quality and ensure consistently high standards of development across Barton Park. It requires the housebuilders to incorporate 20% on-site renewable energy generation and meet a minimum of Code Level 4 of the Code for Sustainable Homes.

In addition to appointing Hill to develop the first phase of housing, the Barton Oxford LLP has signed an agreement with Oxford City Council, which will see the Council own and manage the affordable homes at Barton Park. 40% of the homes built by the housebuilders will be acquired by the Council in each development phase.

Apart from addressing the acute housing need in Oxford, the development will bring with it much needed training and employment opportunities for people locally.

It is anticipated that Hill will submit a planning application for the first phase of new homes in spring this year, following consultation with the local community.

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The company develops a variety of bespoke properties, including multi-million pound family houses, first time buyer homes, and £100m mixed tenure regeneration projects, third age homes and community facilities.

As part of the company’s progression from contractor to housebuilder, Hill rebranded at the beginning of 2014, amalgamating its Hill Residential and Hill Partnerships brands into one unified business – Hill.

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