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GB Building Solutions preferred contractor for £200m zero carbon development

GB Building Solutions has been chosen by BioRegional Quintain as preferred contracting partner for the first phase of their £200 million Middlehaven Development, a 250 acre development in the heart of Middlesbrough. The development has been designed by leading architect Will Alsop and will be the UK's largest zero carbon development.

The Middlehaven Development will be a high quality mixed use development set around the former Middlehaven docks on the banks of the Tees, transforming a redundant waterfront quarter into a groundbreaking landscape of contemporary architecture for work, leisure and living. It will include more than 800,000 square feet of commercial office development and over 2,400 homes built over 20 years.

GB Building Solutions will initially build the first phase of the development. The first two buildings are known as "Qube" and "Community in a Cube" (or CIAC) and are of a strikingly modern design. CIAC provides eight storeys of apartments on top of a ground floor of commercial space with a south facing central courtyard garden. Qube is a similar mix of residential and commercial accommodation over nine floors, but more cubic in form. Each building will also include private gardens and amenity spaces, car parking and landscaping.

The aspiration for the scheme is to create an exemplar regeneration project and one which sets new standards for quality of environmental and sustainable living so the design and delivery standards for the scheme are very high. It has been funded through combined public and private sector investment of £500m and will provide up to 3,000 new jobs.

Martin Smout, Chairman and Chief Executive of GB Building Solutions says, "This is an exciting new development that will set new standards in inner-city living and will completely transform the centre of Middlesbrough.

"GB Building Solutions was selected preferred contractor after BioRegional Quintain visited projects we have already completed and heard testimonies from existing clients. I fully believe this is as a result of our ethos of always finding the best solutions for our customers and finishing projects on time and to budget."



Pete Halsall, managing director of BioRegional Quintain, said: “RiversideOne is the most exciting and visionary development in the UK so it was vital for us to find a contractor that shared our passion for this project.

“During the tender process GB Building Solutions’ team showed a clear understanding of the sustainable community principles underpinning RiversideOne and what we aim to achieve. They also ably demonstrated their ability and effectiveness as a contractor, making them the ideal partner for this phase of the development.”

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Notes for Editors

GB Building Solutions is a solutions-focused construction company which believes in adding value and delivering on the promises it makes to its customers.

GB Building Solutions has six offices based throughout England and undertakes a range of new build and refurbishment projects in both the public and private sectors. It specialises in five sectors:

- ❖ Accommodation
- ❖ Commercial
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Hotels and leisure
- ❖ Non–acute health

GB Building Solutions was previously known as Gleeson Building. The name change to GB Building Solutions is the final step in a transition that started with a management buyout of MJ Gleeson’s building division in July 2005.