

Unity at Showell Park Wolverhampton



Client Keepmoat
Cost £20m
Services Private Housing

The Unity scheme has created a thriving sustainable development in the Lowhill area of Wolverhampton. The proposal works in parallel with the existing infrastructure which is based on the traditional 1920's garden suburb layout and reinforces the existing urban grid form. The scheme is centred around a large public open space which benefits from a Local Equipped Area of Play (LEAP) and several public art installations.

Unity comprises 205 dwellings all integrating renewable technology in the form of solar thermal. There is a mix of apartments together with 2, 3 and 4 bedroom dwellings. The development is contemporary in appearance and has created a strong identity whilst remaining sympathetic with the

surrounding context. The scheme promotes high levels of sustainability and has provided Wolverhampton City Council with a showcase development as part of its commitment towards reducing carbon emissions.

BM3 Architecture worked extremely closely with the existing neighbourhood to ensure the community was engaged throughout all stages of the design process. This also included working with the public artists and the local neighbourhood representative to ensure that the public open space was a fully integrated element of the scheme design.

This scheme successfully achieved the Birmingham Post & Mail Housing Design Award for Best Affordable Scheme and Best Environmental Design.