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## **Perry Barr Residential Scheme on course to beat jobs targets as it meets construction milestone**

The Perry Barr Residential Scheme in Birmingham is well on the way to beating the targets it was set to help support the local economy and bring wider community benefits. More than 200 new jobs have already been created for local people and over 1,000 have learnt new skills as part of the onsite training and development offered through the project.

More than £100m has been spent with local businesses within 30 miles of the Residential Scheme, and the workforce have put in more than 1,000 hours of volunteering for local charities including Birmingham Crisis Centre and the food bank at Eden Boys' School. News of these achievements was released as the Scheme reached a significant milestone as it 'topped out', by reaching the highest point in the construction of all the buildings on the scheme.

When complete, the Perry Barr Residential Scheme will provide 1,400 much-needed new homes for Birmingham. The tallest building on the scheme tops out at fifteen storeys and the first residents are expected to move in by 2023. The scheme is part of the wider regeneration in the north west of the city, including improved leisure and community facilities along with upgraded transport infrastructure.

Cllr Ian Ward, Leader of Birmingham City Council, said: "There is an urgent need for high-quality new homes in this city – so it is great to see yet another significant milestone being reached on the Perry Barr Residential Scheme.

"Despite the recent challenges presented by Covid-19, the team working on this project have continued to demonstrate the highest levels of commitment and professionalism at all times. On behalf of the city council, I would like to thank everyone involved for their work so far towards the creation of a vibrant new neighbourhood at Perry Barr."

Lendlease are the Management Contractor for the Perry Barr Residential Scheme, working with Kier, Willmott Dixon and Vinci UK to deliver the project. The contractors on each plot

continue to work alongside Lendlease to ensure the development continues effectively and safely during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Anna Evans, Lendlease's Project Director for the Perry Barr Residential Scheme, said: "This is a significant milestone for the Perry Barr Residential Scheme. Helping communities to thrive is one of Lendlease's core values so I am particularly proud of the positive economic impact the scheme is already having on the local area. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone on site."

## **ENDS**

### **Notes to editors**

- Social value targets for the Perry Barr Residential Scheme are as follows:

214 new jobs have been created (53.5% of target of 400 jobs)

1,121.5 Volunteering Hours have been achieved (112% of target of 1000 hours)

£106,280,276 Local Spend within 30 miles (89% of target of 119,250,000 achieved)

1,011 people upskilled on site (101% of 1000 target)

- Lendlease has signed up to the '[Birmingham Business Charter for Social Responsibility](#)', with an action plan in place with 32 social value targets. As part of this plan, they are working in partnership with Birmingham City Council's Employment Access Team (EAT) to promote jobs and training opportunities to local communities.
- Lendlease is a leading international property and infrastructure group with operations in Australia, Asia, Europe and the Americas.
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