



## Media Release

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### **Sir Richard Leese joins graduates at ground-breaking of local Potato Wharf development**

Yesterday (14 November), the leader of Manchester City Council, Sir Richard Leese, joined senior managers and young graduates working for Lendlease, as work officially began on the final phase of the new Potato Wharf development in Castlefield.

Sir Richard helped members of the construction team break ground on the 2.6-acre site where another 191 new homes will be built by the international property and infrastructure group.

Sir Richard Leese, Leader of Manchester City Council, said: "Housing on a brownfield site just a short stroll from the city centre is the sort of development we very much welcome, especially when it is encouraging sustainability and supporting local construction jobs."

The development has been built with sustainability in mind. The homes will benefit from electric vehicle charging points and dedicated cycle spaces. And there is also a focus on supporting the local community, with the construction team getting involved in weekend canal clean ups, volunteering at Barnabus food shelter and competing in both the Manchester 100km and Manchester to Blackpool bike rides for Action Medical Research.

Lendlease's team is also working with local schools and colleges to facilitate visits from students interested in the scheme. During the visit Sir Richard met with two local graduates who joined the team after university and are working on project planning and construction management.

Justin Davies, Head of Residential for Lendlease, Europe, said: "Potato Wharf is a community focused scheme in the heart of one of the oldest districts of Manchester. Its proximity to Spinningfields and the canal help make this a truly special development. We're delighted to be breaking ground on the final phase of the project."



Piling work has now been completed and the team will be working on the development sub-structure over the coming months.

The first new properties in the final phase of construction at Potato Wharf are expected to be available for residents to move into by late 2021.

Those interested in finding out more about properties at Potato Wharf should visit [www.homesbylendlease.com/potatowharf](http://www.homesbylendlease.com/potatowharf)

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- Lendlease is a leading international property and infrastructure group with operations in Australia, Asia, Europe and the Americas.
- Our vision is to create the best places; places that inspire and enrich the lives of people around the world.
- Headquartered in Sydney, Australia, and listed on the Australian Securities Exchange, Lendlease has approximately 13,100 employees internationally.
- Our core capabilities are reflected in our operating segments of Development, Construction and Investments. The combination of these three segments provides us with a sustainable competitive advantage and allows us to provide innovative integrated solutions for our customers.
- Lendlease is behind some of London's largest and most exciting mixed-use regeneration projects such as Elephant Park and International Quarter London. In early 2018, it was appointed by Google as lead construction partner on its landmark new headquarters' in King's Cross and is the preferred contractor for Birmingham's Perry Barr development.
- Lendlease is also responsible for the development of Euston Over Station Development, working closely with HS2, the Department for Transport and the London Borough of Camden; Network Rail and other stakeholders to optimise the outcomes for London and the UK.
- In June 2018, Lendlease announced plans for the acquisition with Starwood Capital, subject to pre-completion conditions, of The Silvertown Partnership which holds development rights in a major urban renewal project in London's East End.



- Lendlease was recognised as the UK's Most Sustainable Residential Developer by the NextGeneration Sustainability Benchmark for setting new standards of sustainability and customer engagement for two consecutive years in 2018, 2017 and 2016, scoring more than double the industry average.
- In April 2019, Lendlease won the highest accolade at Mind's Workplace Wellbeing Awards. It was awarded the most points at April's ceremony for excellence in promoting good mental health in the workplace.