



# **LORD MAYOR AND LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN UNVEIL EDUCATIONAL PLAQUES AT HUNGATE NATURE RESERVE**

**Follows settling of new bees and otters at the reserve in York**

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Today (10<sup>th</sup> February), the Lord Mayor and local school children officially unveiled a series of educational plaques at the Hungate Nature Reserve, the first dedicated reserve within the city walls of York. The unveiling follows the natural nesting of new bees and otters and continues Hungate's partnership with the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to create a lasting legacy for future generations.

Set along the River Foss, the Hungate Nature Reserve is a secluded area that is to be left to 'run wild', and encourage a habitat of species to thrive within the city. A sanctuary for a variety of local wildlife, the reserve will form part of the Hungate development, being delivered by the UK's most sustainable developer Lendlease, and Evans Property Group, as part of the 4.7-acre masterplan.

## **Riverside Education**

Celebrating this key moment for natural preservation and sustainability in York, school children from six York-based schools were tasked with creating educational riverside plaques, detailing the wildlife that can be found in the nature reserve. The plaques, which include details on ducks, kingfishers and otters, also include hand-drawn images by local school children as well as a photograph of each animal. The Lord Mayor was joined by the successful students who saw their plaque designs unveiled.



### **Riverside living within city walls**

A unique development, in the heart of York, Hungate is introducing 1,025 new homes to the medieval city - transforming a derelict industrial site into a picturesque riverside community. An exciting new chapter of homes has recently launched, comprising a collection of 101 contemporary apartments in a mix of one, two and three-bedroom styles. Establishing a new sustainable community in the heart of York city centre, Hungate welcomed its first residents in 2009 and will soon be home to over 400 people.

**Julie Smith, Corporate Development Officer at Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, comments:** *"We are delighted that Hungate has created this habitat for local wildlife to thrive in York. The new plaques ensure that people of all ages will be able to enjoy and engage in this place for generations to come – it is a great milestone for protecting inner-city wildlife."*

**Richard Cook, Head of Residential at Lendlease, comments:** *"Creating sustainable homes and places is what we do best, and we are delighted to have partnered with the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to ensure the local wildlife also get a safe new haven to enjoy and thrive within. It's great to have so much wildlife surrounding Hungate, and this partnership will create a thriving habitat within the city walls. These new educational riverside plaques, excellently designed by the children of York, will help the public to identify the reserve's latest residents - a growing community in its own right."*

Prices for the new phase start from £181,500 for a one bedroom apartment. For further details, please contact 01904 899 714 or visit [www.hungateyork.co.uk](http://www.hungateyork.co.uk).

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### **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

About Lendlease

- 1) Lendlease is a leading international property and infrastructure group. In the UK, it is the only fully integrated retail, residential and commercial provider delivering end-to-end property solutions. The company has core capabilities in development, investment management, construction, asset and property management.
- 2) Lendlease is behind some of London's largest and most exciting mixed-use regeneration



projects such as Elephant & Castle and International Quarter London.

- 3) Lendlease is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and operates in four key regions – Australia, Asia, Americas and Europe. The group has circa 12,000 employees globally.
- 4) Lendlease is a Next Generation 2015 Gold Award winner – the UK's leading residential sustainability benchmark. The company is ranked second in the 2015 benchmark with a sustainability score of 81 per cent.

### **Evans Property Group**

- The Evans Property Group is a long established private property investor and developer, with a property portfolio consisting of Grade A investment properties together with a substantial development land bank.
- Evans has been a long-term investor in York and the wider Yorkshire region. In the last five years alone, it has acquired or developed over £100m of student accommodation in partnership with the University of York at their Heslington East Campus. Other projects include the £20-million-pound investment into the Bond Court area of Leeds, which has already seen a comprehensive refurbishment and launch of the Minerva and Capitol office buildings and where work is currently underway creating a new 90 bedroom Dakota deluxe hotel. A £9 million infrastructure and groundwork programme is also in progress at its 165-acre Temple Green logistics hub within the Leeds City Region Enterprise Zone.
- The group is in a very strong position with an investment portfolio of exceptional quality in terms of covenant strength and lease length, a significant development pipeline, including substantial strategic land holdings and a successful and growing non-property investment portfolio. The group's balance sheet is strong with net assets in the region of £420m.