



### **One Housing Group Selected as King's Cross Central RSL Partner**

One Housing Group has been selected by developer Argent (King's Cross) Limited and its development partners, London Continental Railways Ltd and DHL – Exel Supply as the RSL partner for the outstanding King's Cross Central Project. The selection followed a rigorous tender and assessment exercise for Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) for the first phase of affordable housing.

King's Cross represents one of the most significant development and regeneration opportunities in Europe and when complete will create a brand new quarter of Central London. Across the site there will be up to 2,000 homes and serviced apartments, 44% of which will be affordable.

The appointment of One Housing Group covers housing on two plots along York Way with a third plot located at the junction of the Regents Canal and the High Speed 1 embankment. Together the three plots will deliver around 223 social units by 2011.

Affordable homes built at King's Cross will include options such as shared equity and shared ownership.

One Housing Group is the largest provider of affordable and supported housing in Camden, with 35 years of experience in the borough. One Housing has extensive organisational, strategic, policy and operational knowledge and the experience necessary to help create a sustainable, high quality new neighbourhood at King's Cross Central in partnership with Argent.

**Mick Sweeney, Chief Executive of One Housing Group, said:**

“We are extremely pleased to have been selected as Argent’s RSL partner on this project. Our whole approach to development and regeneration is based on improving the urban environment, putting the communities that live in the area at the centre of what we do.

“Like Argent, we see affordable homes for local people as a vital ingredient of regeneration. We are committed to sustainable, long-term and quality regeneration.”

**Robert Evans, Director at Argent, said:**

“At King’s Cross we want to create a mixed and balanced community from the outset. When we were appointing a RSL partner we were looking at an organisation with the right skills, experience and vision to help us deliver that aspiration. One Housing Group has a proven track record of delivering and we look forward to working with them at King’s Cross.”

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**Notes to Editors**

One Housing Group is a recent merger of Camden-based Community Housing Association, with Island Homes and Toynbee Housing Association in East London.

One Housing Group currently manages over 10,000 homes in 25 local authorities across London and the Home Counties, with over 2,750 homes in development. These include shared ownership schemes; intermediate rented homes for key workers, affordable rented homes and homes for outright sale.

All new schemes look at the need for balanced communities and therefore include a mixture of tenures and uses.

Please visit [www.onehousinggroup.co.uk](http://www.onehousinggroup.co.uk) for further information.

### **King's Cross Central**

King's Cross ([www.argentkingscross.com](http://www.argentkingscross.com)) is one of the most significant development and regeneration opportunities in central London.

Planning permission was granted in December 2006 for a high density development of nearly 8 million sq ft. The permission includes up to 2,000 new homes and serviced apartments, 20 new streets, 10 new major public spaces and the restoration of 20 historic buildings and structures which are to be retained and refurbished.

The site also includes 2 major rail termini – St Pancras International and King's Cross Main Line stations next door providing the best public transport accessibility in London with 10 different rail and London Underground lines.

The Section 106 agreed by Camden for the King's Cross Central development provides for 44% affordable housing across the entire site. Affordable housing types will include shared equity, shared ownership, key worker, 'HomeBuy', right-to-buy 'HomeBuy' and social rented including homes for the elderly.

King's Cross is being developed as a joint venture between three companies:

- **Argent (King's Cross) Limited (Argent)** is one of the UK's best respected property development companies and is the selected developer for the site. ([www.argentgroup.plc.uk](http://www.argentgroup.plc.uk))
- **London & Continental Railways Limited (LCR)**, selected by the Government to build and operate High Speed 1, is one of the landowners at King's Cross.
- **DHL – Exel Supply Chain (DHL-Exel)** is a world-class provider of supply chain solutions and the other landowner at King's Cross.