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BioRegional Quintain Appoints Hall Construction for Phase One of £4m Public Realm Work at Riverside

The £200 million transformation of the Middlehaven area of Middlesbrough into RiversideOne has taken a further step forward with the announcement that County Durham-based Hall Construction Services has been appointed to deliver phase one of the £4m public realm works at the development.

Funded by English Partnerships and designed by international award-winning landscape firm Grant Associates in concert with artist Chris Edmunds, the high quality and sustainable first phase will embrace inspirational public art pieces. It will transform the area around the new Middlesbrough College, Bridge Street East, Dock Street and the Clock Tower Square whilst simultaneously creating a public performance space and events square.

Phase one features include super-sized seating combined with large lighting columns, to create stunning linkages from Middlesbrough station, leading down towards Bridge Street East and into the RiversideOne development. Hall Construction was selected for the project following a competitive tender process held by BioRegional Quintain, the developer of RiversideOne.

BioRegional Quintain's managing director Pete Halsall said: "One of our sustainable principles involves sourcing skills, resources and contractors locally wherever possible. Hall Construction has an excellent reputation for its delivery of construction projects and together we share the same aspirations for making RiversideOne a cultural focal point for Middlesbrough."

Lighting and street furniture at RiversideOne will complement distinctive pavement patterns in a vibrant colour palette. Imaginative greenery, planted pergolas and super arbours will create welcoming public spaces for people to enjoy. The designs have been created to maximise the local and historical landscape, enhancing the riverside views towards the dock.

Hall Construction managing director Stephen Hall said: "This is a hugely prestigious project to be involved in and we are totally committed to delivering public realm at RiversideOne of the highest level of quality and sustainability. The vision that Grant Associates and Chris Edmunds have created is bold and exciting whilst evoking memories of the site's heritage. We are looking forward to making their vision a reality."

Creativity will be woven into the very fabric of the streetscape as local artists will be invited to contribute to 'living poetry tree skirts' and words will be transcribed into steel sculptures.

RiversideOne is part of Tees Valley Regeneration's £500m redevelopment of the Middlehaven site. Joe Docherty, chief executive, said: "This initial phase will give people just a taste of what is to come at Middlehaven in the form of a brand new open space for them to enjoy.

"BioRegional Quintain is helping Tees Valley Regeneration fulfil its vision of a vibrant and exciting area packed with cultural and leisure activities as well as first class homes, offices and shops. We are delighted that Hall Construction, a well established company based here in the North East, has secured this contract."

BioRegional Quintain has also announced details of the first residential building to be constructed at RiversideOne. Called CIAC (Community in a Cube) it will comprise 80 fashionable apartments spread across eight floors.

It will be the first of a number of futuristic residences to be built at RiversideOne. Featuring a mix of studios, one- and two-bedroom apartments and luxury homes on its top floor, CIAC will showcase innovations in building design and sustainability that BioRegional Quintain will deliver at RiversideOne.

A selection of CIAC properties will be released for sale early in 2008. However, potential residents can register their interest now by either visiting the development's website www.riverside-one.com or calling the RiversideOne sales team on 0808 1722 430.

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RiversideOne - The project will see the derelict Middlehaven Docks area between Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium and the Transporter Bridge transformed into a vibrant sustainable community featuring state-of-the-art residential, leisure, education and commercial facilities. It is currently the largest planned zero carbon development in the UK and will set new standards in urban regeneration.

BioRegional Quintain Limited (BQL) – As the UK's leading sustainable community development business, we aim to deliver on three key promises:

People: We believe that the concept of quality lifestyles should be at the heart of every community that we build, so our key objective is to enhance the health and happiness of our residents and occupiers. We will work tirelessly to establish a genuine sense of community where our residents and occupiers can feel safe, happy and assured.

Place: We will set standards for design that produce world class, characterful and inspirational buildings employing the best international architects and designers. We will deliver sustainable buildings, public realm and landscape of the highest quality, and using One Planet Living principles.

Planet: We believe that sustainable living should be attractive, affordable and fun. We also believe that we should leave our planet in a better condition than we found it. But if everybody lived like we do in the UK then we would need three planets to support us. We will provide lifestyle support and estate management services to deliver One Planet Living* - contributing to a healthier you and a healthier planet.

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1. Zero carbon
2. Zero waste
3. Sustainable transport
4. Sustainable materials
5. Local and sustainable food
6. Sustainable water
7. Natural habitats and wildlife
8. Culture and heritage
9. Equity and fair trade
10. Health and happiness