

## Royal Opening of Haig Housing Trust Development

We were honoured to attend the recent opening by Her Majesty The Queen of our development for [Haig Housing Trust](#) on their Morden Estate. Her Majesty has been Patron of the Trust since 1952 and had previously opened Haig's Jersey Estate as HRH The Princess Elizabeth in 1949.

Haig Housing Trust has, since its foundation over 100 years ago, provided quality housing for Veterans and their families. Our recently completed development for them of 68 high quality, sustainable and contemporary residential units, comprising a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bed flats, and 3-4 bed family houses is one of their largest projects in many years.



Haines Phillips Architects were appointed by Haig Housing Trust in January 2015 to explore the development potential of their existing estate at Morden for new residential accommodation using Grant Funding through the Veterans Accommodation Fund. Through this process we obtained planning consent in 2016 for the development of 68 new homes on two previously isolated areas on the southern part of the estate.

Haines Phillips senior partner Mike Phillips was fortunate enough to meet The Queen and to have a brief conversation about our design of the development.



Permission was granted to name the main terrace in the development after HM The Queen and other individual blocks were named to commemorate war heroes as well as a respected local councillor. Queen Elizabeth Terrace, forming part of the larger of the building groups, is arranged as a three-sided court around a formal landscaped space. The other smaller groups relate to shared and semi-private amenity space and shared surfaces in a contemporary interpretation echoing one of the most attractive features of the Estate.



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The residential units are arranged in to symmetrical, rectilinear groups around landscaped courts that respond to the scale and character of the existing Estate, with principal elevations arranged formally and symmetrically, and rear and flank elevations responding to their locations.



Contractors [United Living](#) have produced an informative video showing the completed development as well as some images from the Royal opening. The video can be viewed on their YouTube channel [here](#).

A number of news articles about the Royal opening appeared in the press and on news and social media sites and can be viewed via the following links:

[Evening Standard](#)

[The Daily Express](#)

[The Daily Mail](#)

[The Sun](#)

[The Royal Family YouTube Channel](#)



Further details on the project can be viewed on our website page [here](#).

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