

Press Release

K1 Development Launched To Test Interest in Co-Housing As Part of The Solution for More Homes in Cambridge



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K1, a new co-housing initiative in Cambridge, has been launched today, in conjunction with landowner Cambridge City Council, in a bid to boost new homes for the city.

This co-housing initiative is being promoted to test interest in the co-housing concept. It seeks to bring a group of around 40 householders together to commission and design their own homes and community with the support of dedicated professionals to guide them through the next 18 months design and build process. K1's launch includes a new website designed to keep all interested parties fully informed throughout the development process and to provide an online tool for the development's design process. www.cambridge-K1.co.uk

There is more interest now than ever before in people being able to build or commission a new home. Indeed the Coalition Government's new Housing Strategy, announced last week, provides encouragement and support for individuals and groups to do this for themselves rather than buy from a mainstream house builder.

“Co-housing is where individuals or groups of people come together, to find and buy a site, appoint their own architect and professional team, raise finance together and build the new homes, either themselves, or with a builder. This enables residents to create their own high standards in sustainable living and to create unique indoor and outdoor community spaces.” commented Adam Broadway, the appointed K1 project manager and associate at CAR Ltd.

“The overall aim of co-housing is to keep the costs of building and living down through a shared commissioning process, reducing running costs of the homes, sharing community resources and working together. As such K1 represent a unique opportunity for those who wish to live in sustainable homes and a supportive community”.

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Neil McGovern, Executive Councillor for Customer Services & Resources, at Cambridge City Council comments, “We are delighted to promote our landholding for this initiative, which aims to deliver new homes through an exciting new co-housing, self-build concept, and give greater choice to people in Cambridge”.



The K1 site is at Orchard Park near the Science and Business Parks, Cambridge Regional College and just 3 miles from the centre of Cambridge.

<http://www.cambridge-k1.co.uk/k1-site>

The site is also well served by the new and frequent Guided Busway service making journeys to south Cambridge, Addenbrookes, the railway station and central Cambridge fast and convenient.

Anyone interested in hearing or learning more about this unique residential opportunity should contact info@cambridge-K1.co.uk with your details and visit www.cambridge-K1.co.uk for further information.

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Co-Housing is a way of living which brings individuals and families together in groups to share common aims and activities while also enjoying their own self-contained accommodation and personal space. For more details visit <http://www.cohousing.org.uk/>

CAR Ltd are a locally based multi-disciplinary built environment consultancy.

<http://www.carltd.com/>

Cambridge K1 is a Cambridge City Council owned site of 0.9 hectares at Orchard Park, Cambridge.

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