



## Kew Riverside, Kew, London, UK

A Prestigious Residential Neighbourhood:  
Placemaking beside the River Thames



It is rather a quiet modernism that creates a stunning elegant quality as you walk through the scheme



## Best Development, What House? Award, Judges' Evaluation

The Kew Riverside site, on the south bank of the River Thames, contained a former sewage treatment works. The rationalisation of facilities within the site released land for development.

Remediation works meant that there were few natural features to be incorporated apart from the mature tree belt defining the designation of Metropolitan Open Land along the Thames corridor. Constraints included the retention of a small sewage treatment facility to the north, and a waste transfer station to the south.

Opportunities existed to improve pedestrian and cycle connections between the surrounding residential neighbourhoods and the riverside.

### Project Delivery

- A masterplan organised around views to the river, sequential spaces and a variety of scale to connect new development to the surrounding areas.
- A new neighbourhood including over 500 new, mixed-tenure homes with a range of housing types and sizes ranging from one-bedroom apartments to large four storey town houses.
- Crescents of terraced houses facing towards the River Thames with views across Metropolitan Open Land.
- A balanced mix of uses including an extra care home, a concierge service, swimming pool and gym.
- Open spaces and landscaped fingers of different character that incorporate pedestrian and cycle routes to form a network linking the existing and new residential areas to the River Thames. A 'village green' creates a central focus, overlooked by houses for passive surveillance.
- A 100m pond enclosed by mature trees within the main street to create a sense of arrival.
- Parking provision within garages to the rear of homes with studios above for car free frontages.
- Reinterpretation of arts and crafts design to create architecture of timeless permanence.

### Client

St James Homes

### Awards

Bentley International Property Awards 2003  
Best UK Development  
Best Architecture (5 star rating)

What House? Awards 2003  
Best Development Gold Award Winner

