

TWO CLYDEBANK REGENERATION PROJECTS WIN PRAISE FOR DESIGN

Clydebank Re-built has won praise for two of its regeneration projects in the Glasgow Institute of Architects 2009 Design Awards.

The top design award for housing went to the new £5.1 million Queens Gate housing development of 40 flats for Clydebank Housing Association, opened in August this year at the former John Brown shipyards site.

Chair of the panel of judges, Martin McKay said "This gentle curving block deals with a challenging site with elegant simplicity.

"The judges commended a fine building, well built and robust that signals positive intent for housing in Clydebank"

Architects for the Queens Gate project were Elder & Cannon, Glasgow and the builders were CCG (Scotland) Ltd. Queens Gate was opened in August by Scottish Government Minister Mike Russell MSP. The apartment block has a number of eco-friendly features, including a car charging point for electric cars, which can be hired by residents on a daily basis from the housing association.

Clydebank Re-built's second office development, Aurora House across from the new Clydebank College on Queens Quays, got commendation for the design of a commercial building.

The judges praised architects Reiach & Hall for their "clear environmental strategy" and their use of materials that work "in harmony with neighbouring buildings". Aurora House, they added, is "simple and refined and responds to its setting in a cool manner"

Eleanor McAllister, managing director of Clydebank Rebuilt said: "We are absolutely delighted that two of our new regeneration projects in Clydebank, Queens Gate Housing and Aurora House won recognition in the Glasgow Institute of Architects 2009 Design Awards.

This is a great achievement for Clydebank and highlights the importance of design-led regeneration and our partnership work with Clydebank Housing Association"