

Green light for Unit and Glenn Howells Architects' life science campus

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Planning win for 12ha scheme in Birmingham

Unit and Glenn Howells Architects have secured planning permission for a 12ha canalside mixed-use scheme in Selly Oak including a life science campus and a Sainsbury's supermarket.

Birmingham council granted permission for the project which also includes 400 student flats, shops, cafes and restaurants.

Unit Architects was responsible for the retail and restaurant units, student flats and public realm improvements which include a piazza-style square and a new bridge over the canal.



Canal side view

Glenn Howells Architects designed the 40,000sq m life science campus and was also responsible for masterplanning and landscaping.

Unit partner Ross Hutchinson said the scheme would make Selly Oak "a destination of choice" while Glenn Howells associate Umesh Luharia said the plans would "completely transform the area".

Work will start on decontaminating the site later this year with a view to starting construction in early 2016.

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