

Tilbury Douglas appointed as preferred bidder for the Newstead Older Persons Independent Living Scheme in Sheffield

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Tilbury Douglas, a leading UK building, infrastructure, engineering and fit-out business, has been appointed by Sheffield Council to develop the final design and cost stage for its Older Persons Independent Living (OPIL) project on the Newstead site in south east Sheffield.

This is in preparation of the submission of final project approval, anticipated in early 2023.

Procured via the YORbuild Major Works Framework, the project comprises 141 new build OPIL housing units, which will include both one and two bed flats, as well as associated external works and services.

Working with Sheffield City Council and Peak Architects, the design is environmentally sustainable with future adaptability built in. It incorporates the creation of both indoor and outdoor social and communal spaces, such as a community hall for programmed activities and a café with external courtyard for both residents and the wider community to use.

John Gittins, Managing Director – Building North at Tilbury Douglas, said: “We are delighted to be working with the Council on this scheme, as it will support the housing needs of the City’s diverse ageing population.”

Kerry Bollington, Head of Housing Growth Delivery, Sheffield City Council, said: “The Newstead OPIL project sits within the Council’s Stock Increase Programme and, once complete, will provide a mix of quality new homes that will help to address the shortfall of affordable homes in the area, as well as meeting the needs of older people. With enabling works being carried out on the Newstead site for much

of 2022 we are delighted to now be working with Tilbury Douglas, Peak Architects and our other partners to work through the next stage of design development to help bring the OPIL project to life.”

Patrick Arends, Director at Peak Architects, added: “We are extremely excited to be working with Tilbury Douglas, delivering our designs for Sheffield City Council in the provision of high-quality OPIL apartments and delighted to be playing an integral role in the enhancement of this existing community.”