PUBLIC TO GET A SNEAK PEEK OF EAST VILLAGE, LONDON’S NEWEST NEIGHBOURHOOD, AT OPEN HOUSE LONDON 2013

East Village, London’s newest neighbourhood, will open its doors to the public on 21 and 22 September as part of Open House London, the capital’s greatest architectural showcase.

Visitors will be invited to explore unseen parts of East Village including some of the newly renovated homes that housed the world’s greatest athletes last summer and the mature landscaped gardens with five park areas, public squares, play areas and courtyards.

Local architecture company Fundamental will lead the tours of East Village, including a family targeted tour featuring an explorer’s pack of activities. The tours will chart the history of the neighbourhood and highlight the work carried out including engagement with the wider local community. East Village is being delivered jointly by Get Living London and Triathlon Homes.

Stuart Corbyn, Chairman, Get Living London, said: “Open House is a fantastic chance to show how East Village is transforming a key part of Olympic history into London’s newest neighbourhood. We look forward to welcoming people in to see the essential new homes, open space and community facilities East Village is delivering.”

Dale Meredith, Triathlon Homes Executive Director commented: “It is great to be part of this year’s Open House London. East Village truly embraces this year’s theme with the mix of world-renowned architects, a bustling new community and unique opportunities for vibrant London living.”

Open House London is a fantastic chance to see, explore and learn about London’s amazing architecture and design. Over 700 buildings of all kinds will open their doors, alongside a programme of neighbourhood walks, engineering and landscape tours, cycle rides and experts’ talks – all for free.

This year’s theme ‘Celebrating architecture, people and place’ explores issues that are relevant to local communities and how the built environment is evolving -above all showing how good design can make London a more livable, vibrant and enjoyable city.

For more information and bookings visit www.eastvillagelondon.co.uk/openhouse

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Notes to editor

- East Village is London’s first Olympic legacy village and newest neighbourhood on the doorstep of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
- East Village is due to welcome its first residents this summer
- The community will deliver high-quality new homes for individuals, couples and families, with a range of options to suit everyone, from one bedroom apartments to four bedroom townhouses, private rental to shared ownership
- Adapted homes will be on offer to allow for chairlifts, hoists and wheelchair access. The wider neighbourhood has also been designed to accommodate with dedicated disabled parking, illuminated and level entrances, wide doorways and large lobby spaces
- Set in 27 hectares of breathtaking parkland, with more than 10 hectares of mature parklands, new parks and open space
- Positioned next to the world-class sporting venues of The Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, East Village is located within 285 hectares of parkland, waterways, and nature trails connected by paths for jogging cycling and walking
- One of the best connected neighbourhoods in London with Stratford International and Stratford Regional stations offering links to London’s key locations such as the west end in 20 minutes, St Pancras International in 6 minutes (by High Speed 1), Canary Wharf in 12 minutes, Ashford in less than 30 minutes and London airports within an hour
- East Village will offer a world-class education campus Chobham Academy for students aged 3-19, a state-of-the-art medical centre and over 30 independent shops, cafes and restaurants
- Visit eastvillagelondon.co.uk to find out more

About Open House
Open House is a concept that was created in London 21 years ago by Open-City, London’s leading independent architecture education organisation. The Open House model invites everyone to experience, explore and understand the value of a well designed built environment. This successful concept has been extended to events in other cities around the world including New York, Dublin & Galway, Tel Aviv & Jerusalem, Barcelona, Rome, Helsinki, Slovenia and Chicago.

Further information on the Open House Worldwide family events can be found at www.openhouseworldwide.org

About Open-City
Open-City creates opportunities year-round for everyone to experience and explore architecture, design and the urban context of London through the Talks and Tours programme with our specialist guides. This year sees a further expansion of the programme with tours by boat, bike, foot, bus and more. All ticket purchases support the work of our organisation including our pioneering education programmes.

Further information on Tours and Talks can be found at www.open-city.org.uk/tours

About Fundamental Architectural Inclusion
Fundamental is a small, dynamic, multi-disciplinary organisation based in the heart of the Olympic developments that has been utilising the excitement of hosting the Games in 2012 to inspire the community, in particular young people for the last ten years. Fundamental is an architecture centre with a unique in-depth knowledge and understanding of the Legacy developments.

Further information can be found at www.fundamental.uk.net