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GRANGEFIELD SUBMITS OUTLINE PLANNING

UK developer Grangefield Estates has submitted plans for a major, health anchored, mixed use development in Manchester. Chancellor Place, a five minute walk from Piccadilly Mainline Railway Station, is set to become the Harley Street of the North.

The 15.4 ha (34 acre) site in Ardwick, when fully developed, will provide circa 370,000 sq m (4m sq ft) of accommodation including hotels, offices, leisure and around 2,000 new homes, many targeted at families. This new quarter will be clustered around a series of public spaces. It also features a striking new pedestrian "green" bridge over the Mancunian Way that will help to extend the city beyond the ring road.

At the heart of Chancellor Place is a 28,000 sq m (300,000 sq ft) Health Mall. This development (a completely new concept for the UK) will comprise a range of integrated health and medical facilities within a quality, contemporary environment. The development also features a new 21st century 'mill' designed to support the local textile and fashion industry.

The plans have been developed in partnership with Manchester City Council and New East Manchester and are in line with its area regeneration programme.

Commenting on the proposed development Eddie Smith, Chief Executive of New East Manchester said,

"The scheme proposed by Grangefield provides the opportunity for the City to continue its growth plan, and it will complement other proposed activity in the area. Should the scheme receive planning approval it will generate substantial economic growth in the region's health sector and provide much needed jobs for east Manchester.

Austin Kenny, Director of Grangefield Estates comments,

“Grangefield is committed to Manchester and the delivery of this ambitious plan. We have been working on Chancellor Place since 2003 and submission of outline planning is a substantial step towards delivering this project for Manchester and the North West.

“Manchester’s approach to innovation is refreshing and we are keen to assist the City in breaking new ground in UK healthcare as well as linking Ardwick to the city centre through this innovative project.”

GVA Grimley is acting for Grangefield Estates. Gerry Hughes, Director at GVA Grimley says: "This is one of the most exciting development prospects in Manchester and we are delighted to have assisted in its formulation over the last 18 months. Although we have hidden our light under a bushel to some extent we now have a scheme that responds to the full potential of this site's location on the edge of Manchester City Centre and close to Piccadilly station. This will be one of the most important applications that Manchester City Council will receive this year and reflects the confidence in the city, looking beyond the current market downturn."

Other professionals working with Grangefield on Chancellor Place are EDAW (masterplanning), Martin Stockley Associates (engineers), MVA Consultancy (infrastructure), Hardcastle and Hogarth (QS), Tribal plc (healthcare), Eversheds and Hill Dickinson (legals) and Hoare Lea & Partners (sustainability).

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About Grangefield Estates

Grangefield Estates is a UK property development company based in Manchester. The company has been involved in various regeneration, commercial development and refurbishment projects across the UK.

About New East Manchester

One of the first established Urban Regeneration Companies, New East Manchester Ltd is a partnership initiative between [Manchester City Council](#), [English Partnerships](#), the [North West Development Agency](#) and the communities of East Manchester.

New East Manchester aims to lead the physical regeneration of the area, co-ordinate and integrate social/community and economic initiatives and market and promote the area to new businesses and residents ensuring a sustainable future.

New East Manchester's first priority in 1999 was the development of a [Regeneration Framework](#). This followed extensive consultation with local residents and stakeholders and provides a strategic platform from which to regenerate East Manchester. An annual [Implementation plan](#) outlines the detail of programmes, their targets and progress to date.

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