

## Accord scoops prestigious prize at construction awards



There were celebrations this week as Accord scooped one of the most coveted prizes at a leading construction awards ceremony.

Accord Housing Association won the ‘Best Social/Affordable Housing Development’ award for their Woden Road development in Wolverhampton at the Built In Quality Awards which aim to celebrate, promote and reward excellent work in construction. The Â£15m development of 112 homes for affordable rent was part-funded with Â£2.75m grant from Homes England. The ceremony was part of the wider Celebrating Construction event 2018, co-hosted by Acivico, the Built Environment Hub (BEH) and the West Midlands Branch of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB). It is the largest showcase of the construction industry’s activity in the West Midlands.

Alan Yates, Executive Commercial Director, Accord, said:

‘Woden Road is an ambitious and exciting new development. This award recognises that we can build high-quality, offsite manufactured housing that employ the latest technologies and provides better homes for our customers. This superb development was designed by our in-house architects, Indesign, manufactured offsite at our closed panel timber frame factory, Local Homes in Walsall, built by our Construction Services team and will be maintained by our in-house repairs and maintenance service, Accord Works. I am delighted that this award recognises Accord’s commitment to building communities through high quality, innovative design and build.’

The winners were announced on 13th April 2018 at a high profile ceremony held at the ICC in Birmingham, with TV presenter, Mark Durden-Smith, as host. Finalists were chosen from projects nominated by local authority building control surveyors across the whole of the West Midlands Region.

Accordâs Woden Road development has also been shortlisted as a finalist in The UK Housing Awards for Best Large Development. The awards run by the Chartered Institute of Housing and Inside Housing, showcase the very best the housing sector has to offer and the winner will be announced in May 2018.

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