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Award-winning affordable housing scheme uses MMC

Design by Cartwright Pickard Architects in partnership with B+C Architects, Octavia Housing and Care's innovative Bourbon Lane affordable housing scheme in West London has won the Civic Trust Special Award for Housing. It also received a Civic Trust Award.

Utilising modern methods of construction to improve quality and performance, the Bourbon Lane scheme's prefabricated cladding system reduced the need for scaffolding, reducing time on site, and improving air tightness and safety. This approach also allowed the windows to be pre-installed off site.

Providing 78 affordable homes for families and key workers, for rent and shared ownership; the scheme was praised by the Civic Trust for 'creating an imaginative interpretation of the traditional London mews' and for being 'crisply detailed and impeccably built.'

The judges also commented, 'This is a lively and exciting approach to a very difficult public realm site. Bourbon Lane demonstrates how well planned landscape and architectural design can create an interesting, attractive and thriving neighbourhood. We hope this development will encourage such qualities in other social housing projects'.