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Proposals announced for flatpack homes

Developer Live Smart at Home has announced its intention to submit proposals for a further UK prefabricated flatpack homes project.

Hendon in Sunderland is the chosen location for the UK's potential second 100-unit BoKlok development, following a successful pioneer project in Gateshead in early 2008.

Development director for the company Mike Kirk told Edie.net: "It is a depressed area where a lot of housing was demolished through slum clearance and there is unemployment.

"That part of Sunderland has a very low occupation, so if we can attract first-time buyers, we could start to regenerate it."

If approval is granted, building work on the prefabricated homes project could start as early as this autumn, with customers able to purchase the homes from UK Ikea stores for prices starting at £120,000.

Swedish furniture retailer Ikea originally masterminded the flatpack homes concept in association with Skanska in Scandinavia and later teamed up with Live Smart at Home to promote similar schemes in the UK.

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