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DBK's support for Kevin's own Grand Design

Property consultants DBK has played a key role in a unique and new high quality sustainable housing development led by Grand Designs presenter Kevin McCloud.

The Triangle, a 42-home scheme in Swindon, is the presenter's first development and will be featured in two one-hour shows – called Kevin's Grand Design - on Channel Four next month.

The pioneering, low energy project commissioned by Hab Oakus – a joint venture and partnership between McCloud's Hab development company and housing group GreenSquare – has been created to promote a sustainable lifestyle and sense of community.

It is a contemporary interpretation of the Wiltshire town's mid-Victorian railway cottages, using sustainable materials and set in an attractive landscape.

Andrew Kennedy, senior partner in DBK's Bournemouth office, welcomed the recent completion of the ambitious project. It is part of a wider strategy to introduce One Planet Living principles to Swindon.

Mr Kennedy said: "It has been a great pleasure to work alongside Kevin and the Hab Oakus team for the past four years. During that time we have seen the seed of an idea of a unique eco-friendly housing scheme grow into what is an exciting community of sustainable, low energy, affordable homes for local families.

"In the early months we spent a great deal of time considering various schemes and their context to see which were suitable. From the outset, Kevin and his partners wanted to build something that was as environmentally friendly as possible.

"We joined the team as quantity surveyors, employers' agent and CDM co-ordinators, and initially part of our role was to make sure that a lot of the alternative ideas that they were

looking at using were viable. It is wonderful to see many of these ideas come to fruition, with The Triangle now completed and residents have moved into their new homes.”

The Triangle is located off Northern Road in Swindon and comprises 16 two-bed houses, 13 three-bed houses, 7 four-bed houses, 4 one-bed apartments, and 2 two-bed apartments. There are homes for Intermediate Rent and Rent To Homebuy – and homes for affordable rent to local people registered with Swindon Borough Council.

The award-winning design is informed by Hab Oakus’ fundamental principles – a strong sense of community, a belief in the importance of public space, respect for cyclists and pedestrians, and a commitment to sustainable lifestyles and outstanding contextual design.

Hab Oakus is working with Swindon Borough Council and local people to ensure that The Triangle project serves as a springboard to introduce initiatives such as car clubs and local food networks which will benefit the wider community and Swindon as a whole.

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