



## HOUSING ON BOSWALL PARKWAY, EDINBURGH

A joint venture between Granton United Church and Port of Leith Housing Association has created a new development consisting of 15 affordable homes and new Church Centre.

The new single storey church building, which is much more compact than the original church demolished to make way for this proposal, occupies the dominant corner of the site and faces south across Boswall Parkway. The flats have been arranged in 4 storeys behind the church in an 'L' shaped layout served by 2 staircores and with simple monopitch roofs, similar to existing adjacent residential accommodation.

The homes are a mixture of 1,2 & 3 bedroom properties and 11 of these benefit from Solar Thermal hot water heating. The specification for the various building elements in the development has been made using the BRE Green Guide to Specification, with all elements scoring an 'A' rating. The scheme also passed strict City of Edinburgh Sustainability Standards.

The church accommodation comprises of a multi-purpose hall with an adjacent kitchen, meeting room, office and ancillary space. The hall which gives the church its distinct form is characterized by an extended rooflight at the top of the single pitched roof. This allows the stage area to be back lit from above.

The entrance to the church building is on the corner of the site, presenting an open and inviting threshold to what is intended as both a community facility and place of worship. The church is constructed externally with a black facing brick which is an extension of the base course to the flats, giving a continuity of material that links the two parts of the project together.

In combination with the new flats, the church will regenerate an important corner site in Royston providing an attractive facility for community focus and an opportunity to strengthen the role of the church in the locale.



Client: Port of Leith Housing Association  
Value: £2.4 million  
Completion: January 2012