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IDEAS WANTED FOR 'VILLAGE HALL' AT NEW £250M KAMPUS NEIGHBOURHOOD

Locals are being asked for their ideas on what Manchester's quirkiest new venue could be used for. The Bungalow – Manchester's only venue on stilts – will be the first part of KAMPUS open to the public with a launch in the summer.

A new image reveals how the developers behind KAMPUS – Henry Boot Developments and CAPITAL&CENTRIC – are planning to create a pop-up events and community space from the 1960s disused security cabin. A programme of events is being planned for the summer giving the first taste of what the £250m KAMPUS neighbourhood will have to offer.

The salvaged brick and concrete box sits on stilts overlooking the Rochdale canal and will feature a vibrant, green roof and art adorning the walls. Being billed as KAMPUS' version of the 'village hall' the building will be a space to meet and hang out.

Adam Brady, Henry Boot Developments said:

"Manchester's a city full of character and quirks and KAMPUS will reflect that. It's the unusual stuff – the stuff that other people would have just pulled down – that gives KAMPUS its identity and will make it an exciting place for people to explore. We're not trying to dictate how the place evolves, it'll be defined by the curious stuff that we keep, by the people that call it home, and by the community in which it sits.

"We've always loved the quirkiness of the Bungalow – can you name any other building in Manchester that's on stilts? It's our version of the village hall. One week it could be a pop up bar, the next it could be an art exhibition, with a mix of yoga classes and music events in between. We see it having a life of its own, with something different every week, so if you've got a great idea get in touch!"

The £250 million project, currently under construction at Aytoun Street, will transform the former Manchester Metropolitan University site into the city's newest neighbourhood. Greenery will feature throughout, with the Bungalow adorned with planting and overlooking the central lush garden. Two floors of independent bars, restaurants and shops will frame the garden.

KAMPUS will house 533 apartments in two new blocks, two heritage warehouses and the existing brutalist 60s tower. The new neighbourhood will also feature a second garden off Chorlton Street flanked by shops and cafes. The cobbled Little David Street will also be restored as a café-bar-lined alley, with outdoor seating.

Contractors have already been on site for over 2 years, with the project currently on track to complete in 2020.

Locals are being asked to submit their ideas for the Bungalow by emailing info@kampus-mcr.co.uk

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About THIS RELEASE

IMAGES: A newly issued artist impression of the Bungalow accompanies this media release.

INTERVIEWS: Adam Brady (Henry Boot Developments) and Adam Higgins (CAPITAL&CENTRIC) are available for interviews to discuss further news in this release.

WEBSITE: For more information about KAMPUS visit: www.kampus-mcr.co.uk

About KAMPUS

KAMPUS is one of Manchester's largest regeneration projects currently on site.

LOCATION: Site bordered by Aytoun Street, Chorlton Street, Canal Street and Minshull Street

SIZE: approximately 323,000 sqft residential, 40,000 sqft commercial

INVESTMENT: £250 million project

APARTMENTS: 533 loft and new build apartments

LEISURE: Independent shops, bars, restaurants, cafes and commercial space

HERITAGE: Grade II listed Minto & Turner and Minshull House warehouses, canal-shipping buildings constructed in the 1860s. Brutalist 60s tower block, former campus building for Manchester Metropolitan University.

TIMELINE: First homes and units due to open in Spring 2020.

About HENRY BOOT DEVELOPMENTS

Henry Boot Developments (HBD) is one of the most progressive property companies in the UK. With six regional offices, it forms part of the 130-year-old Henry Boot PLC and is currently working with a commercial development pipeline of over £1bn.

Its diverse development portfolio comprises listed mills and prized heritage assets, through to logistics and business space solutions, and game-changing regeneration projects.

HBD creates spaces that not only impress, but that stand the test of time.

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About CAPITAL&CENTRIC

Social impact developer **CAPITAL&CENTRIC** is one of the North West's most creative and active developers. Co-founded by Tim Heatley and Adam Higgins, it currently has five projects totalling £400m under construction which employ over 650 people. It has completed over 500,000 sq ft of new developments in the past three years.

It spends on average £2 million a week on regeneration.

Projects include: LONDON WAREHOUSE (co living and co working in Manchester), CRUSADER (a Grade II listed mill conversion sold to owner occupiers in Manchester), KAMPUS (a large mixed-use scheme within Manchester City Centre in partnership with Henry Boot Developments), TALBOT MILL

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(restoration of two mill buildings) and LITTLEWOODS FILM STUDIOS (a film and television hub at the iconic former Littlewoods building in Liverpool). Recently completed projects include TEMPEST (Liverpool City Centre), BUNKER (Liverpool) and FOUNDRY (MediaCity).

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