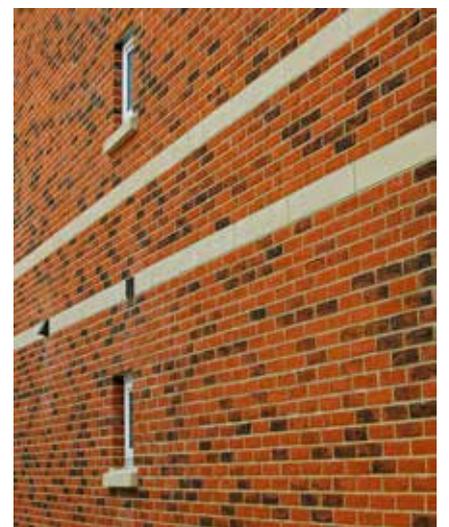




Brick type: Chelsea Smoked Red
Location: Cardiff

Project Architect: Healer Associates
Contractor: Waterstone Homes

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Ffynnon Ganna

The exclusive Ffynnon Ganna development of 18 luxury homes on a 1.7 acre site in Pontcanna, which runs alongside the River Taff in the heart of Cardiff, offers contemporary living in a beautiful setting.

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The striking architecture, designed by Healer Associates, blends the traditional with the modern and the development has been built to the highest quality specification using carefully selected and sourced traditional materials.

The use and choice of brickwork was an essential element of the design. It was vital that the brick chosen worked with the blend of architecture used: the front of the properties hark back to a traditional Victorian era while at the rear, stunning contemporary orangeries adorn many of the townhouses in the scheme.

Forterra's Chelsea Smoked Red was chosen for all of the houses as it blends seamlessly with the surrounding area presenting shades of soft red with flashes of charcoal running throughout and also complements both the traditional and modern styles of architecture used in the development. It is a thrown brick which provides a slightly irregular shape with a creased textured, replicating the appearance of hand-made bricks and helping to establish the exclusivity of this sought after scheme.

Bricks are an inherently sustainable building material but the choice of Chelsea Smoked Red helped to reflect the scheme's commitment to the environment as they are part of Forterra's Ecostock range, manufactured at the company's new £50 million Measham factory. Here Forterra uses the latest groundbreaking technology in sustainability and production efficiency to reduce energy consumption by up to 50 per cent.

The 1-6 Y101P mortar, provided by Tarmac, complements the different hues of the Chelsea Smoked Red brick which provides a traditional heritage feel while having the guaranteed strength and quality of a modern brick.

The Ffynnon Ganna development consists of six types of accommodation ranging from two bedroomed coach houses to four bedroom, three storey town houses. Each offers parking, with garages on selected plots, and traditional features such as sash bay windows have been retained and updated with the use of UPVC double glazing.

The design of the development reflects the local environment and the elegant orangeries at the rear of 16 out of the 18 new homes are a stunning addition, extending the roof line into a sleek, modern additional space that marks this scheme out from the crowd.



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