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## **East Village named 'Development of the Year' at 2014 RESI awards**

- **Former London 2012 Athletes' Village named '*Development of the Year*'**
- **The residential owner and management company behind East Village, Get Living London, wins *Property Newcomer of the Year***
- **The RESI Awards took place last night and celebrates the best in the residential property market**
- **In February, East Village was named 'Best New Place to Live' at the London Planning Awards and also received the Mayor's Award for Planning Excellence**
- **Over 1500 people now living in East Village in a mixture of private and affordable housing since the first homes were completed in November 2013**

East Village, London's newest neighbourhood, located at the former Athletes' Village adjacent to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Stratford took home gold last night after being named '*Development of the Year*' at the prestigious RESI Awards.

East Village beat stiff competition from a distinguished shortlist of finalists due to its integration of private and affordable housing from both Triathlon Homes and newly established Get Living London. The win acknowledges the development's excellence and the significant contribution it has made to new and future residents of London, with East Village offering a mixed tenure and range of high quality homes, 25 acres of parklands and open spaces, a state of the art education campus, health centre and community facilities. Its innovative and sustainable design as well as the benefits from its unique location on the doorstep of Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park has helped it to bring a special glow to this part of east London.

The RESI Awards, now in its third year, highlights companies that take an innovative approach to housing provision. The awards were presented at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, in front of an audience of the industry's leading figures on Wednesday night. Delancey founder and CEO, Jamie Ritblat, celebrated scooping the prestigious '*Personality of the Year*' award on the same

night. Delancey is one half of the joint venture that owns Get Living London with the Qatari Diar Real Estate Development Company.

Delivering 2,818 new homes for Londoners, East Village offers both private rental homes with Get Living London and affordable housing through Triathlon Homes. Both private and affordable tenure are integrated on an unprecedented scale, raising the bar for modern residential development and creating a real mixed community. Offering a range of homes to suit everyone, from one-bedroom apartments to four-bedroom townhouses, the neighbourhood is set among 25 acres of parklands and open space with a new school, health centre and community facilities. Today, it has established itself as a vital component in the regeneration of east London and a key driver of the capital's continued Olympic legacy.

**Derek Gorman, Chief Executive of Get Living London**, said: "From Athletes' Village to new homes for Londoners - East Village is the first of its kind and we are delighted to be named '*Development of the Year*' as well as '*Property Newcomer of the Year*' at this year's prestigious RESI Awards. With hundreds of people living in East Village and more homes now available, the RESI Awards win is a great indicator that we are providing quality housing for Londoners and making a positive impact on the local community"

**Elliot Lipton, Executive Director of Triathlon Homes**, said: "This award for *Development of the Year* is a fantastic honour. The quality of the mixed-tenure of homes, excellent landscaping and the community facilities in East Village, not only supports the demand for homes for Londoners but, offers a housing option unrivalled in London. "

**ODA Chief Operating Officer, Gerry Murphy** said: "We have worked hard to ensure the former Athletes' village is a great place to live, with new homes of the highest standard set within beautiful parklands that are accessible for everyone. With unrivalled transport connections and fantastic facilities to support the new neighbourhood, I am thrilled that East Village has picked up a RESI Award, which is testament to the hard work of everyone involved over many years."

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### **About East Village:**

- East Village is London's first Olympic legacy village and newest neighbourhood on the doorstep of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
- Set in 27 hectares of breathtaking parkland, with more than 10 hectares of mature parklands, new parks and open space
- Positioned next to the world-class sporting venues of The Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, East Village is located within 285 hectares of parkland, waterways, and nature trails connected by paths for jogging cycling and walking
- One of the best connected neighbourhoods in London with Stratford International and Stratford Regional stations offering links to London's key locations such as the west end in 20 minutes, St Pancras International in 6 minutes (by High Speed 1), Canary Wharf in 12 minutes, Ashford in less than 30 minutes and London airports within an hour
- Plans for an eclectic mix of 30 shops, restaurants, cafes & bars in the city's newest neighbourhood, ensuring that East Village is a thriving place for residents and visitors
- East Village offers a world-class education campus Chobham Academy for students aged 3-19, a state-of-the-art medical centre and over 30 independent shops, cafes and restaurants
- Visit [eastvillagelondon.co.uk](http://eastvillagelondon.co.uk) to find out more

### **About Get Living London**

*Get Living London* is a new residential owner and rental management company helping to create East Village - London's newest neighbourhood, recently announced 'Best New Place to Live' at the London Planning Awards and recipient of the Mayor's Award for Planning Excellence. [getlivinglondon.com](http://getlivinglondon.com)

### **About Triathlon Homes**

Triathlon Homes offers a range of rent and ownership options and will enable eligible people on low to medium incomes to live in an East Village home. With extensive experience of managing homes in London, Triathlon Homes' partners - East Thames Group, Southern Housing Group, and developer and investor First Base look forward to welcoming residents into their new homes. [triathlonhomes.com](http://triathlonhomes.com)

### **About ODA**

The Olympic Delivery Authority was responsible for the construction of venues and infrastructure for London 2012, including the Athletes' Village. Following the Games, the ODA has been responsible for the transformation of the athletes' accommodation to East Village.

### **About QDD**

QDD is a joint partnership between Delancey and Qatari Diar Real Estate Development Company. Delancey is a specialist real estate investment company with a property portfolio that covers retail, residential and commercial developments across London and the UK. Qatari Diar is wholly owned by the Qatar Investment Authority and has more than 35 projects in more than 20 countries.