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Mixed-use Development, Westmount Quarry, Jersey

MJP Architects and Axis Mason Architects have received planning approval for this development of 196 apartments, on the site of a former quarry in St. Helier, for Dandara Jersey Ltd. The designs include 16 sheltered apartments, a 60 room nursing home, and a children's nursery. The four buildings sit in a radial arrangement to take maximum advantage of sunlight, and the facade design inflects each apartment towards the spectacular views over St. Helier waterfront. The existing 50 metre high quarry rockface, which will be stabilised and extensively landscaped as part of the proposals, is revealed as part of the composition, framed between the buildings. MJP and Axis Mason collaborated with Macfarlane Wilder on the landscape design.

MJP Architects Quote:

Duncan McKinnon, Housing Director for MJP Architects says *"The form of this development was generated in response to it's dramatic site. The central buildings rise in a series of steps in front of the quarry cliff face, creating landscaped terraces and making a gradual transition from the public realm up to a skyline marked by emphatic cantilevering roofs. The flanks are a series of angled walls with windows oriented towards the view of St. Aubin's Bay."*

Dandara Quote:

Adrian Huckson, Associate Director at Dandara says, *"Dandara embarked upon this development in the knowledge that as well as being fraught by complex remediation and rock stabilization difficulties, this unique former quarry site required an equally unique design response in order to maximize the development potential of the site. Our appointment of internationally renowned practice MJP Architects was therefore a conscience response to the design challenges of the site and our ambition that the development would set a new standard for urban regeneration in St Helier. We also understood the need to set this response within its Island context and with an understanding of the local planning and development process; our team therefore also included local architects Axis Mason working alongside MJP to produce what we believe will be an outstanding residential development of which St Helier and Jersey can be rightly proud."*

AxisMason Quote:

Ian McDonald, Director at Axis Mason says, *"The Westmount Quarry site provided a truly unique opportunity to create a dramatic addition to the Jersey skyline. Working with MJP Architects, the team has responded with a contemporary and contextual design to enhance its surroundings and provide sustainable regeneration to St Helier."*

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Team

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Architect: MJP Architects - www.mjparchitects.co.uk

Local Architect: Axis Mason

Landscape Architect: Macfarlane Wilder



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