

Housing secretary approves Vauxhall Cross Island

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The housing secretary Robert Jenrick has approved two mixed use towers in Vauxhall, London, reportedly set to create 2,000 jobs.

Great Marlborough Estates' Vauxhall Cross Island will consist of 52-storey and 42-storey towers – some of the tallest in the city and linked by a ten-storey podium, the developer said. The scheme will see a blend of new homes, offices, retail space and a new hotel complemented by a landscaped public realm.

The North Tower will comprise 257 homes, from penthouses to three-bedroom apartments, with access to private winter gardens, communal lounges and a children's play area. The South Tower will feature the 618-room hotel.

Vauxhall Cross Island, which, according to the developer is set to generate 2,000 jobs, was first approved by the London Borough of Lambeth last year after "extensive community consultation".

Designed by Zaha Hadid Architects, the scheme will bring "safer pedestrian access" between Vauxhall station and the bus interchange, replacing the current gyratory with a new bus station.

Great Marlborough Estates is a RIBA-award winning London developer with projects including the recreation of Josh Nash's Regent's Crescent and modern mews houses at West Village, Notting Hill.