Home Bargains owner's property push continues with 200-home development plan near £100m station

Nearly 200 new homes could be built close to the upcoming £100m Baltic Triangle Merseyrail station, as the group behind Home Bargains continues its drive into property development.

Liverpool-based Davos Property Developments, a subsidiary of T. J. Morris, wants to build an range of one and two-bedroom properties off St James Street just 125 yards from the station site.

The plans include a 13-storey residential building with mixeduse elements. Alongside the 199 dwellings, the scheme includes provisions for co-working spaces, ground-level commercial premises, and several amenities for residents such as a gym and rooftop terraces.

Paying homage to <u>the Victorian industrial roots of the Baltic Triangle area</u>, the design incorporates features like tall vertical lines, deeply set windows, and wrought iron decorative elements.

Architect Robert Brym said: "This is an imaginative development that provides a pleasing contemporary take on the best of the Baltic's industrial architecture. The buildings in the area show themselves through their detailing and we are doing the same here."

The proposal outlines varied housing types within the complex, including townhouses, and intends that most apartments will come with private balconies. A communal rooftop terrace on the 11th storey promises panoramic vistas over the Mersey and

distant Welsh hills.

Mr Brym said: "A key appeal of the site is its proximity to Baltic station, which connects the area to the entire city-region via its metro network. It's the first example of the development dividend that the station is expected to deliver."

The strategically located parcel of land, encompassed by St James Street, Greenland Street, New Bird Street, and the former LeeFloorstok warehouse, has been cleared since 2018, serving in the interim as a car park.

The planned construction includes 89 one-bedroom apartments complemented by 110 two-bedroom homes and townhouses. The upper-ground floor is designated for commercial units while amenities such as a gym and co-working space are set for the first and second floors.

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