



**Northern Ireland Belfast**

Speaking at the launch of the 'Belfast: Streets Ahead' programme in June, Margaret Ritchie MLA said: "This programme will transform fourteen of Belfast's main streets and public spaces. When the work is completed in 2009 the City Centre will be a more attractive place for the thousands of people who live and work there or who come to shop or be entertained. Making the city centre more welcoming will not only help to retain existing jobs and attract new businesses but also encourage more City Centre residential development. Belfast has much to offer the visitor and my aim is to encourage local people and visitors alike to spend time in the heart of the city. We will do this by insisting on good quality design, and by encouraging clean, safe and friendly streets and a good feeling about our City Centre. My ultimate goal is to take Belfast City Centre to the top of the European league of premier regional European cities, by making it a place where people want to come and spend time. We can do this by working together and by ensuring that we put the citizen at the heart of the programme."



**Wales Newport Schools**

HLM Architects is designing two new state-of-the-art schools to be built in Newport, South Wales. Bettws and Hartridge High Schools will be the first of three secondary schools to be replaced in Newport by 2013 at a cost of approximately £43 million. The schools will replace the existing poor quality buildings, with contemporary facilities promoting wider community based activities. The buildings are to be designed as an educational hub delivering facilities that can improve the quality of life in and around these communities.

**North West**

**Liverpool Kings Waterfront**

A new pedestrian bridge across Dukes Dock, linking Kings Waterfront and Albert Dock has been installed. The bridge is part of the 'Waterfront Connections' programme, a series of projects designed to improve access and infrastructure along the City Centre Waterfront.



**Scotland Gh20, Glasgow**

Located on the edge of the city's bustling West End waterfront, this flagship scheme stands at the forefront of this modern city's exciting surge in regeneration and encapsulates the true essence of contemporary urban waterside living. gh20, with its eclectic mix of contemporary studio, one and two bedroom apartments, boasts spectacular views across the River Clyde and Greater Glasgow beyond. gh20's varied architectural appearance complements the surrounding residential, retail, leisure and commercial districts and reflects a city that constantly pushes the boundaries of twenty first-century progression in design. Glass balconies and terraces, black, white and copper cladding and a central courtyard combine with 21 different styles of properties and a 24 hour concierge service to offer a symbol of modern city living, ideal for young professionals and city workers.



**South East Bow's Belle**

Chartered Architect and Interior Design Studio, Penson, have introduced their latest scheme neatly placed near to the fringe of the Olympic village in Bow, East London. The large mixed use scheme will create 200 residential family orientated apartments, a large supermarket, scooter and bike shops, dry cleaners, a bar, a restaurant and a substantial centralised landscaped space that reconnects the Lime Cut Canal with Bartlett Park. The efficient use of the site is commercially driven, in that the Supermarket is within a semi-basement structure. Below this lies a basement car park and services section. Above the Supermarket is a sustainable roof, which creates a very large garden space open to the public.