

No one can block your glorious view

RICHMOND HILLS' fabulous vista of the Thames, right, is the only view in Britain specifically protected by an Act of Parliament. The Star and Garter, once a commodious home for First World War soldiers, occupies a spectacular position on the hill in terraced gardens overlooking the river and Petersham Meadows. The East Wing marks the final chapter of the listed building's dazzling restoration and conversion into 86 grand apartments. This 6,500sq ft, self-contained six-bedroom home has a colonnade of Doric pillars, a huge roof terrace, 20th-century ceilings, stone walls, an oak-paneled library with grand piano and ornate fireplaces. Smart home



technology controls heating, lighting and audiovisual entertainment. London Square, the developer, is inviting offers over £2.95 million. Other homes for sale at The Star and Garter start at £1.995,000. Apartment residents arrive via a marble hall with grand staircase, while the restored King's Room is a spa and there is an Art Deco-style screening room for residents to enjoy. Call on 0333 666 0922 for more information.



Offers over £2.95 million: the East Wing at The Star and Garter, Richmond Hill

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and picnic garden, while crowning the building are two lush landscaped roof terraces with sofas and loungers, an all-weather lawn and a residents' bar and kitchen for special events.

Also on high loom of the tower are a business club, a 24-seat cinema, a gym, a golf simulator and putting green, while at ground level, a 4,200sq ft filling plaza slopes above a cafe, creating another recreational space. The 732 apartments are priced from £622,250. Call 020 3998 6826.

Don't look down: daredevil Eben Bogdanov marks his 20th birthday in November last year by scaling 600ft Warden London and singing one-fenced from a crane on the roof



Photo: Warden London



From £542,750: flat at Landmark Aradeo, top, in Canary Wharf. Europe's tallest residential tower at 75 stories and 738ft shows spectacular Docklands views from the Warden London tower

What a prize! Covent Garden shared-ownership flats

THE Swinging Sixties were rarely square, but sometimes they were hexagonal — the buildings at least. This ancient shape seemed to strike a chord with the era's new generation of modernist-leaning architects.

A six-sided office block, originally a BT exchange, in Covent Garden has been remodelled into 59 flats, some for shared ownership.

Re-cast during the Eighties in glass, blue-tinted glass, the building has been given a second makeover with a classic Portland stone exterior, full-height windows and balconies to maximise views across the low-rise

conservation area. Two floors have been added to create penthouses 15 stories up. You simply cannot live in London and be more central than this. Parker Tower sits back behind Great Queen Street and is moments from Covent Garden's colourful market and shopping/cultural hub.

The block has a hotel-style reception foyer, basement parking, secure cycle racks plus storage areas and concierge services for residents. Prices start from £250,000 and people living or working in Camden borough have priority for the shared-ownership flats, in which the minimum equity stake is 25 per cent. Call 020 8502 3758.



Covent Garden, with its historic buildings, is a prime location for new homes. Parker Tower is a prime example of modern architecture in a historic setting.

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BICESTER VILLAGE, the popular flux-village of fashion outlets on the outskirts of the Oxfordshire town of Bicester, was followed by Kingsmead, a 2,450-home estate in the region's midvale belt. Now Bimblebrook, left, the latest housing scheme offers 393 modern-looking homes designed for "21st-century living".

This zero-carbon development aspires to house a green-minded community, with a primary school, orchards, allotments and workspace for start-ups, in acres of open space to encourage active outdoor living. Every house gets a fruit tree in the garden. Road and rail improvements are luring London commuters. Bicester sits close to the M40, and trains to Marylebone take 50 minutes. Prices from £285,000 for a two-bedroom house. Call 01869 866558.

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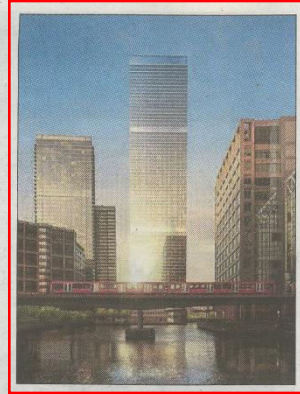
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