

Press release  
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## **Sculpted furniture takes shape on Hackney Homes estate**

Beecholme Estate in Hackney has just unveiled a brand new work of art - to be used by local residents.

Inspired by the surrounding landscape and handcrafted from natural materials, the outdoor furniture will be a focal point of the estate for residents to meet, talk and relax in their environment.

The bespoke, curvaceous six seater seat, hand crafted in heavy sections of larch created by renowned sculptor Tim Norris, was greeted with admiration and delight by local residents, councillors Linda Kelly and Speaker of Hackney ADD NAME.

David White, local resident and Secretary of the Beecholme Estate Tenants and Residents said "The quality of our visual environment directly affects our quality of life. Practical works of art like this repay us many times over and in many ways, not least the fostering of estate "ownership" and care in residents.

This piece of commissioned artwork will look great for decades to come - and with two smaller but similarly curved, sculpted satellite benches at adjacent and opposite corners of the green (set within a coordinated bed planting design) still to come, form the central flowing design feature in what will be a truly lovely place to sit and enjoy the grounds."

Neehara Wijeyesekera, Head of Tenancy and Leasehold Services said: We are pleased to work with Beecholme Estate on this initiative and we are pleased that residents will have a fantastic piece of art right on their doorstep".

To watch the sculpture taking shape on the estate, check the Beecholme Estate blog [http://beecholme.blogspot.com/p/sculpture\\_13.html](http://beecholme.blogspot.com/p/sculpture_13.html)

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### **Notes to Editors**

- Hackney Homes is an arms-length management organisation managing around 30,000 council properties in the borough of Hackney.