



# Broughton Square

## Milton Keynes

Broughton Square at Milton Keynes is among the largest new-build projects undertaken by Places for People in recent years.



Centrally located just minutes from Junction 14 of the M1 motorway, it also lies within one of the Government’s housing growth areas. To the casual observer Broughton’s 220 homes are simply attractive, traditionally-built properties. In fact, their ordinary exterior belies building and construction methods that have put the homes at the forefront of environmental sustainability.

All Broughton’s properties – which include 60 for affordable rent, 30 shared ownership and 130 private sale homes – have been given an EcoHomes Excellent rating. This rating is widely recognised as the industry’s gold standard for environmental sustainability, and Broughton is among the largest developments in the country to have made the grade.

The achievement of the rating – which was stipulated by landowner English Partnerships – is testament to Places for People’s commitment to creating developments that are sustainable. Broughton Square was assessed by the Buildings Research Establishment (BRE) on seven different criteria including energy use, access to public transport, pollution, materials, water, land use and ecology, and health and wellbeing.

Broughton was awarded 73 credits by the BRE – a score which puts it in the top 10 per cent of new homes in the UK. The rating was achieved at an impressively low cost of £1,887 per property. But what makes Broughton Square different to many other eco developments is its approach to design. The homes are modern but don’t look futuristic. Instead they are traditional homes which have proved very popular with househunters.

A high standard of design and construction has also been maintained on each of the properties, making it difficult to distinguish between different tenure types. Particular attention has been paid to public open spaces; more than 200 trees and 14,000 plants and shrubs have been planted with three-quarters of the species chosen because they attract wildlife.

