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Land Securities

Main Contractor

SDC Ltd

Brick supplier

Traditional Brick & Stone Ltd *p142*

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Christ's Lane is situated in the heart of Cambridge City Centre, between historic Christ's and Emmanuel College buildings, the main shopping district, the bus station and Christ's Pieces public park. The mixed use development for Land Securities replaces an unforgiving 1950s shopping complex and aims to repair the broken street pattern by reinstating the historic Christ's Lane and creating a new public piazza on the edge of Christ's Pieces.

The development consists of two lower storeys of retail units, including a restaurant facing the park with private residential dwellings over, introducing a true mixed use residential scheme into the city centre for the first time.

The proposal seeks to respond to the grain of the neighbouring buildings in the historic Conservation Area, offering carefully scaled elevations and an articulated roofscape.

The dwellings consist predominantly of duplex units, arranged around private terraces. The majority of units benefit from garden rooms at the end of their terraces, allowing for flexible lifestyles. All dwellings benefit from framed views across the city's roofscape utilizing large corner oriel windows. Generous interiors are achieved by allowing the ceilings to follow the articulated roofline and stepped section.

