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Squire & Partners wins planning for two hotels at Nine Elms

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Squire & Partners has received planning permission for two hotels near the US Embassy in Nine Elms

Wandsworth Council's planning committee approved the project for developer Dominvs Group on a vacant 0.38ha site next to the embassy's western boundary.

The buildings – a 'midscale' hotel of 11 storeys and a 15-storey hotel promising 'affordable luxury' – will provide a combined total of 837 bedrooms

The larger hotel will have a ground-floor cafe and a 14th-floor restaurant with a bar and views of the Thames

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Due to open in 2024, the hotels will be run by different operators but will share a basement facility.

 $Squire\ \&\ Partners\ partner\ Tim\ Gledstone\ said\ the\ dual\ hotel\ scheme,\ which\ is\ targeting\ BREEAM\ Excellent,$ 'reflects the emerging high-quality neighbourhood of Embassy Gardens and the surrounding wider masterplan'.

He added: 'The hotels are designed as a sculptural counterpart to the American Embassy. Distinctly $expressive \ and \ textured, the \ crafted \ façades \ take \ inspiration \ from \ the \ nearby \ River \ Thames, \ fragmenting \ and$ rippling the light.

'Bay windows offer guests wide-reaching views of Nine Elms, the Thames and across London.

'The proposal roots itself in the Linear Park and the existing street fabric, whilst creating new public spaces, pedestrian routes through the site as well as providing further landscape enhancements to Ponton Road.

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'The development contributes to the creation of a vibrant district and the completion of a new centrepiece of

The site - once Victorian pleasure grounds - sits within the Vauxhall, Nine Elms and Battersea Opportunity Area, identified in the London Plan as an area for regeneration.

Dominvs had previously received consent for two hotels but submitted a revised proposal that reduced the massing and height of the scheme in response to local market conditions.

Wandsworth Chamber of Commerce has estimated the hotels will contribute between £8.2 million and £13 million to the local economy from hotel-guest spending in the borough.







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