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Valouran's Eco-Friendly Oak Lodge Transformation

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Valouran, the innovative global property developer and placemaker, recently secured development financing for the restoration of Oak Lodge, turning it into an exclusive residential complex comprising 30 luxurious apartments.

Nestled on The Bishops Avenue, this 2.5-acre site, adorned with landscaped gardens, is set to undergo a transformation with construction slated to commence in Q4 of 2023. This news underlines Valouran's unwavering confidence in London as a world-class global city, following their recent launch in June and the announcement of their inaugural site, [The Chapel in St. Johns Wood](#).

Restoring Heritage and Enriching Ecosystems

Co-founder of Valouran, Alex Michelin, expressed pride in orchestrating a comprehensive development financing package amidst a challenging capital-raising market. Their approach, rooted in sensitivity, design excellence, and heritage preservation, garnered remarkable favour from the local planning authority, resulting in swift consent under delegated powers. With construction set to commence later this year, the company eagerly anticipates the project's completion by 2026.



This development, spanning a one-hectare site, is committed to preserving and restoring the existing heritage asset, placing a strong emphasis on Arts and Crafts-inspired landscaping. Native species of high ecological value will flourish at its heart. The site's meticulous planning includes a central courtyard, communal pathways, soft landscaping, and the establishment of secondary access to Bishops Avenue. Additionally, the project will offer a range of ancillary amenities such as a sunken courtyard garden, a gym, pool, and spa facilities, along with basement cycle and car parking.

Architectural Brilliance

Valouran, in collaboration with architectural practice [Pilbrow + Partners](#), drew inspiration from the Hampstead Garden Suburb for this multi-unit venture encompassing three buildings. Nestled in one of the capital's most coveted neighbourhoods, the development will consist of lateral, duplex, and penthouse residences, varying in size from two to four bedrooms.



Sustainability stands as a cornerstone of Valouran's ethos. The company is dedicated to ensuring that this development leaves a sustainable footprint for the future of Bishops Avenue. Their ambitious commitment encompasses limited tree removals, complemented by an extensive tree planting program and enhanced boundary treatment for the road. Valouran aims to achieve a significant biodiversity net gain through these measures.

Valouran's vision for the transformation of Oak Lodge into a haven of luxury apartments on Bishops Avenue is not only a testament to their unwavering confidence in London but also their dedication to preserving heritage, enriching ecosystems, and embracing sustainability. With construction set to commence in Q4 2023, the world eagerly awaits the realization of this exemplary project.