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Exterior**



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## **THE STORY BEHIND HARLEY AND THE CHALCOT ESTATE.**

At the end of March 2006, the long awaited Chalcot Estate refurbishment programme was duly signed off by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Camden Council, and Rydon Construction.

The scheme (which is the first of its kind to be executed under a PFI form of contract), started on site in June 2006, for a three year period. Harley's directors signed a contract with Forest Row based Rydon Construction, on Friday 12th May 2006 for £16m. Some might say that this had been an historic day for Harley, being that certain members of the team had begun working on the scheme back in 1998, advising Camden's Housing department on specification and cost. It took nearly eight years, but all the hard work was eventually rewarded with a £16m order to Harley!

Harley's scope of works to the four 23-storey towers and one 19-storey tower, includes a fully integrated envelope package including; Schuco aluminium windows incorporating self-cleaning glass, and Reynobond ACM rainscreen cladding. Harley was also responsible for removing the existing windows, and providing all mast climber access.

All work was carried out whilst the 700 tenants in remained in occupation.

The first tower that received the face lift was Blashford House, with work at Dorney, Bray, Burnham, and Taplow following on in sequence to a completion date during 2009.

The photographs show the condition of the blocks before and after the refurbishment.

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