



In pictures

First look at Metropolitan Workshop's new take on the Dublin terrace



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Metropolitan Workshop has won a 2022 Royal Institute of Architects in Ireland award for this 20-home project on a 'sensitive backland' site at Annesley Gardens in Ranelagh, one of Dublin's oldest suburbs.

Sitting among 58 listed buildings and replacing a former laundry and bakery, the scheme for Seabren Developments includes houses ranging in size from 145m² to 185m² arranged

in two separate rows – a terrace of 17 redbrick three and four-bedroom homes and a trio of buff-coloured brick, four-bedroom houses.

Each has a double-height dining area, a curved staircase rising through its centre and its own 'light chimney'.

According to the practice, the scheme features 'careful brickwork detailing throughout, with eye-catching sawtooth detailing to the façade and

perforated brickwork to the rear'. Jonny McKenna, partner at London-based Metropolitan Workshop's Dublin studio, said the development showed how 'carefully considered schemes can bring forward new homes on forgotten brownfield land'.

'Increasing densities close to existing services and transport links delivers on the Irish government's aspiration to build 40 per cent of all new homes within existing urban areas.' RW