‘Unprecedented’ enquiries for York’s first £1m apartment

York-based developer, Grantside, is redeveloping the Victorian riverside Bonding Warehouse in the city to create four luxury apartments and office space.

Along with high-spec built-in sound systems, energy-efficient heating systems, private lifts and luxurious kitchens and bathrooms, the four individually designed penthouse apartments will also have access to their own private bridge when the River Ouse is in flood.

Sales enquiries about the apartments, which occupy the upper two floors of the listed former customs and excise building, are already into the hundreds, according to the developer. “The Bonding Warehouse is a landmark building, and its location, next to the Victorian Skeldergate Bridge and opposite Clifford’s Tower, is tough to beat even in such a historic city as York, so we expected a lot of interest,” said Grantside managing director, Steve Davis.

“Even so, the number of enquiries we are already receiving is unprecedented, with more than 100 coming into the site offices from passers-by, locals and investors. It has been a surprise, and puts the market demand firmly back at pre-recession levels,” he added.
The two duplex and two single-storey apartments will be completed in May this year, and occupy the entire top floor of the 7,000 sq ft former customs and excise warehouse. The warehouse was built in 1869 on the site of York’s house of correction, where vagrants and beggars were put to work after the Elizabethan Poor Law was passed in 1601.

The building was originally used to store taxable goods including wines and spirits, and was converted for leisure use in the 1970s. Over three decades it spent time as a restaurant, nightclub and comedy club before Grantside secured the site in 2012.

The lower floors, complete with state of the art flood defence barriers and membranes to protect the fabric of the building from flooding, will be luxury office space and have already been sold to local businesses.

“The four apartments have three or two bedrooms each and vary in size from 1,400 to over 2,200 sq ft. Two of the flats include decked terraces with walkways over the river,” said Toby Cockcroft of property agent DHP Croft. “The developer has taken a classic industrial building and given it a new lease of life. Both the apartments and the offices have been developed to maximise the architecture and setting perfectly and the attention to detail with regards to technology and flood defence planning, has really made these properties the most unusual and attractive to have come onto the market in the city for some years, if not ever,” he added.

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