

## Wolverton Park receives Mark's support

Mark Lancaster has been wowed by a new development which mixes the old with the modern to provide award-winning housing.

The city MP took a tour of Wolverton Park on Friday to learn about how the area had been transformed by developer Places for People.

He was shown the former Royal Train shed, which on his last visit was in disrepair with rain coming in through the roof. Now it comprises 31 town houses and adjoins newly built blocks that overlook the canal.

Mr Lancaster was impressed not only by the mix of housing - one, two and three-bedroom apartments, duplexes and houses - but also the options available: from shared ownerships to 100 per cent mortgages, rental and own home loans.

The long-time campaigner for infrastructure before expansion (I before E) supports such schemes where amenities - in this case, Wolverton town centre and the railway station - are already in place.

"It is so modern yet the local heritage, the Wolverton Works and the Grand Union Canal, have been beautifully preserved. Even the velodrome of Wolverton Football Club, whose ground was here, has been retained.

"And yet it is also providing much-needed housing, giving first-time buyers a chance to get on the property ladder, while attracting new people to the city.

"It is also a prime example of low carbon living. We supposedly live in the city of the car, yet here residents live next to a town and have fast train links to London, and therefore don't necessarily need their own transport."

Mr Lancaster, whose Milton Keynes North constituency has only encompassed Wolverton since the May election, said: "I'm enjoying getting to know this town and was really impressed by the sympathetic regeneration of this area.