

Academy Street, Belfast



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Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios

90 new homes and ground floor retail, within a 16 storey building; the first Build-to-Rent scheme in Northern Ireland

CLIENT

Lacuna Developments /
Watkin Jones

LPA

Belfast City Council

STATUS

Planning permission granted

SERVICES

Planning, Strategic
Communications

Our role

- We engaged with Belfast City Council to advocate the benefits of Build-to-Rent (BTR) and to work through its specific planning requirements, supporting the council's ambitions to expand city centre living.
- We advocated a tall building within the context of designated heritage assets.
- We negotiated a ground-breaking car-free scheme. This was accepted by the city council and DfI roads, on the basis of site accessibility and the target demographic of prospective residents.

Results

- We secured committee approval for this ground-breaking scheme in the Cathedral Quarter of the city.
- By quantifying the economic benefits of construction and occupation, we also demonstrated wider benefits of the proposals.
- This marks an important milestone which will underpin expansion of BTR in Belfast.