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'Carbon positive' 435-home scheme in Hertfordshire submitted for planning

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Lumiere Designs' Boxmoor Forest scheme in Hemel Hempstead

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Plans for a 'carbon positive' 435-home scheme have been submitted in Hertfordshire

Watford-based Lumiere Designs handed in the proposals for the Boxmoor Forest development in Hemel Hempstead to Dacorum Borough Council.

As well as sourcing energy from solar panels, geothermal heat and waste water heat recovery, the scheme features a green planted façade.

A design and access statement submitted to the council as part of the planning application said: 'Air quality around main thoroughfares is always poor and especially so in London Road. It is not well known that plants are organic biofilters. They remove more than carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. They also remove pollutants.'

The proposals, on brownfield land near the town's main rail station, would provide 191 studios, 179 one-bed and 65 two-bed apartments, along with almost 7,900m² of office space, a café and coffee bar, a multipurpose hall, a play school crèche, a library, a health centre and a pet care facility.

There would also be a gym and squash, badminton, tennis and basketball courts.

More than 150 of the apartments would be affordable and an underground car park is proposed.

The scheme would see the demolition of a car showroom and repairs garage at 499 and 501 London Road respectively.

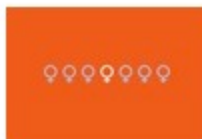
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