



ModularAllianz

What is it?

Great Places is part of the Modular Allianz, a North West based partnership which intends to seek new routes to increase the supply of homes. By working together partners can share knowledge and analyse data from pilot projects to understand the best ways to achieve this. The University of Salford lead the group in the form of a commissioned Knowledge Transfer Partnership and the management board is chaired by Manchester City Council.

Though off site construction methods have been around for many years, they have failed to meet their full potential. The Modular Allianz seeks to review efforts of the past, options available today and understand the benefits of maximising off site construction with a view to increasing housing delivery. Further advantages include reduced levels of defects, faster delivery, improved safety and more environmentally friendly output.

Who's involved?

Great Places (as representative of Innovation Chain North West), other procurement frameworks including JV North and Cutting Edge, other housing associations, Manchester City Council and University of Salford.

What contribution does Great Places make?

Great Places represents ICNW on the Modular Allianz management board, an unincorporated association with non-commercial purposes. Great Places, along with other partners, jointly fund the Modular Allianz.

What's been achieved?

A full review of the current off site construction situation in the UK, experiences of the past, understanding of the market and options and a review of pilot projects has been completed. This report made recommendations for further research and analysis, as well as further pilot projects.

How's it helping residents?

By exploring options and sharing knowledge to deliver more homes in a faster, more environmentally friendly and consistent manner.

What's planned for the future?

As part of a three year programme, further reviews of pilot projects are underway and this information will be shared with partners and analysed to understand its implications. Routes to procure modular and off site construction will then be further reviewed and options for delivery considered.