

CYGNUS

FOR PEOPLE ... FOR DEVELOPERS ... FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



ROGER WALKER
CEO, Cygnus Homes



Cygnus Homes makes modular, innovative homes which are highly energy efficient and sustainable, that create places for people to make their home. Homes based on the application of manufacturing principles throughout the design and procurement process, providing high quality homes with low living costs, low maintenance costs and supported by their own smart technology.

The concept for the Cygnus project came following Roger Walker's visit to a housing development site which at the time was held out to be the cutting edge of new housing construction - It was awful, it was November 2008, the weather was cold, wet and windy which was making the site a mess.

It was here that he originally came up with the concept for Cygnus Homes. The dispiriting visit to a poorly thought through development sparked

inspiration, leading him to research and develop a better way to make houses - the first steps towards creating the innovative Cygnus range.

He said: "I wondered why I had bothered to come to see the development and started to think that there really had to be a better way of building houses. I had in my pocket a mobile device that connected me with the world; a device that 20 years ago did not exist- and I was looking at a scene which could have been a medieval construction site.

"I drove back to the office and spent the next day thinking through what could be done, what needed to change. I thought that if I were to do this, it had to be a holistic approach, because almost every aspect of house building from what I had seen and researched had significant room for improvement.

"Back in the late seventies, I spent time as a student on my thesis designing energy efficient homes for the coal mining communities of Yorkshire, looking both at the house and construction and also what makes a community. I had also written a thesis on the design of accommodation for women and families escaping violence in the home, which in the late 70s was not an accepted or recognised problem in society, however, the experiences I had been through proved this to be wrong.



CYGNUS HOMES PROVIDE:

- High quality homes from order to completion in as little 10 weeks
- Providing houses for Private, Custom Build and Social Housing
- Choice of 5 ranges of house size, external and internal finishes
- Your energy annual bill paid for the first 2 years
- Low build costs/Low living costs/Low maintenance costs - average 3 bed house annual running costs £250.00
- Intelligent smart technology
- Adaptable homes for our customers to live their life

"I had also spent years working as an Architect in commercial projects in the UK and Europe, so had a wide range of knowledge over what can be built and what was being built elsewhere. Having also been brought up in construction, I also had the skills to literally build what I design across all services and construction mediums.

"Driving back from the housing site visit, I knew it was time to bring all my prior experience together and try to achieve something that really did make a difference and was deliverable. Out of this process came the E-Riser and what we now recognise today as the Cygnus home range."

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Over the last four years the concept has turned into a business now based in Duxford and preparing to enter the UK market. The Cygnus product reduces build time on site by up to 50% and coupled with the energy performance level achieved, means that Cygnus is cheaper than similar solutions in the market. Later this year Cygnus Homes enters the market with its first 50 home sales.

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