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URRIDAHOLT MASTER PLAN WINS LIVCOM AWARD

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The Urridaholt Master Plan is the recipient of the International Award for Livable Communities (LivCom) at the silver level in the "Environmentally Sustainable Project" category. Arrowstreet was part of an international team that planned and designed the development.

LivCom is a competition that focuses on best practices for the management of the local environment, with the objective of improving the quality of life of individual citizens through the creation of "liveable communities." The finals were held in Westminster, London.

Urridaholt is envisioned as a gateway between the seaside community of Garðabær, Iceland and the island's vast inland nature preserve. The development is organized around civic and family-oriented recreational uses on a hilltop. The hillside will have its own "Green Scarf" leading through the landscape to Lake Urridavatn. At a more intimate scale, a network of sidewalks and paths knit neighborhoods together. The design team emphasized the creation of a walkable community with pedestrian friendly streets and sustainable drainage systems to protect the environmental quality of the lake's watershed.

Urridaholt presents an opportunity to combat suburban sprawl throughout the greater capital area. The new plan will recall the walkable character of the central core of downtown Reykjavík. Increased residential density and mixed uses will be integrated with sustainable urban design strategies.

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