First look: Will Alsop's 'Chips'

The AJ can reveal the first pictures of Alsop Architects' 'Chips' housing scheme in New Islington, Manchester.

According to Alsop, the 100m-long, nine-storey building for developer Urban Splash was inspired 'by three fat chips piled on top of one another'.

The 142-apartment scheme, which sits between the Ashton and Rochdale canals, has a mix of one, two and three-bedroom flats.

The upper storeys are clad in 'newspaper print' to 'echo the industrial heritage of the surrounding Ancoats area'.

Work is expected to finish on the lower 'chip' in early summer.

Richard Waite

So many features, how many connections?

Dual-ring hob

Stainless steel work-top

Sink & drainer

Fridge-freezer

Dishwasher

Hot & cold mixer tap

Microwave oven & grill