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Public exhibition and scheme amendments feedback

Comment

Some attendants commented that the windows and dormers on Building C are not at a domestic scale and in keeping with the rest of the development.



Front of Building C

Comment

There were concerns raised at the public exhibition around the perceived overlooking from Building C to neighbouring properties. There were also questions raised over the scale / size of windows that would be on the eastern elevation.



Building C elevation

Comment

There were concerns raised about the plant space directly on the boundary and the potential impact this would have on adjacent neighbouring gardens, in terms of noise, and tree planting.



Building C plan

Public exhibition and scheme amendments response

Response

The windows and dormers on Building C have been reviewed and the triple Juliet windows and dormers have been reduced to double Juliet. This is more in keeping with the domestic scale, surrounding context and rest of the development.



Front of Building C

Response

Following the public exhibition we reviewed the design of the eastern elevation of Building C. We have reduced the window size and amount as well as introduced landscape mitigation to reduce overlooking. Further information can be seen on the next page



Building C updated elevation

Response

The area has been reviewed and the plant space has been moved away from the boundary. These plant spaces will be acoustically attenuated. Levels of noise would be set to ensure disruption is minimised in line with current national guidance and recommendations.



Updated building C plan

Building C Mitigation of overlooking

There were concerns raised at the public exhibition around the perceived overlooking from Building C to neighbouring properties and what mitigation measures can be provided.

Reducing the window sizes on all of Building C's elevations was undertaken to create a more domestic scale of window opening and, additionally to help overlooking. On the eastern façade, all full height windows have been removed to reduce overlooking and maintain privacy. The size of the dormer windows have also been reduced.

The use of landscape interventions to help mitigate overlooking has also been explored, with a number of trees proposed in Building C's garden. Additionally, the distances between our proposal and neighbouring properties are sufficient so that there should be no issue with overlooking into any of the neighbours' habitable spaces.



East elevation of Building C

Key

Existing tree

Primary aspect from apartment

Approximate 2m boundary fence

Distance between dwellings

Landscape planting to help mitigate overlooking

Distance between Building C and neighbours' gardens





Ground floor plan - Building C

3.8 Pre-application 5

The pre-application 5 meeting took place on 14th September 2022.

Summary of proposals:

The summary of the proposals presented at this pre-application is as follows:

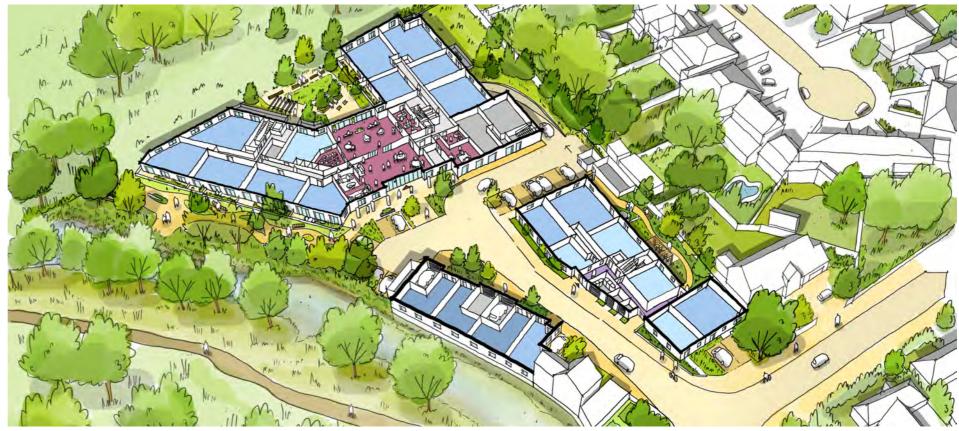
- Buildings range from two to four storeys
- 74 new homes comprising a mix of 20% one-beds, 65% two-beds and 15% three-beds
- 7,260 sq m (78,147 sq ft) Residential GIA
- 409 sq m (4,402 sq ft) Amenity GIA
- 2,427 sq m (26,124 sq ft) Ancillary GIA (including basement ancillary)
- 10,096 sq m (108,673 sq ft) Total GIA
- 74 allocated car parking spaces provided at a 1:1 ratio (including four accessible spaces)
- One loading bay / drop-off / pick-up space

Key feedback

Officers noted that the scheme was much more in keeping with the local area, compared with the pre-application 4 submission and presentation, and were positive regarding the architectural detailing and how it responds to the local vernacular.



Roof plan



Ground floor axonometric sketch



Scheme entrance view

Pre-application 5 feedback

Elmbridge planning and design officer comments from pre-application meeting on 14th September 2022:

Comment

Would like to see a reduced dormer size in buildings B and C to be more in keeping with the domestic scale of the buildings.



Front view of Building B



Side view Building C

Comment

We are much happier with the front of Building C as it marries up well with number 18 Orchard Lane. Though, we think that it would benefit from some further detailing as it now appears a bit bland.



Front of Building C

Comment

There are some concerns about the ground floor dwellings in Building C facing the plant room. There would also need to be improved defensible space for the north and east-facing dwellings in Building C.



Building C layout

Pre-application 5 response

Our response to comments from pre-application meeting 5 on 28th September 2022:

Response

The design of the dormers has been reduced on both Building B and C. On Building B, the dormer has been reduced to a double Juliet from a triple Juliet, as has the window below. On Building C, the dormers have been reduced slightly, whilst keeping the required head height internally. This allows the same dormer design and proportions to be seen on both buildings whilst also allowing the ridge of the roof to be more clearly defined.



Front view of Building B



Side view Building C

Response

The front section of Building C has been reviewed and a recessed detail to the heads of the windows and doors added. This reflects the stone lintel on the brick portion of the building as they are same dimension. The window sills across this elevation have been thickened in order to define them.



Front of Building C

Response

These apartments have been reviewed and the plant space has been reconfigured to be positioned directly onto the building and the path to moved next to the boundary. The pathway to the north has also been removed and replaced with planting. This acts as a defensible space / buffer between the parking and the windows.



Updated Building C layout





Introduction

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4.1 Summary of proposals

The following section explains our design proposals, demonstrating the contextual and analytical approach undertaken in order to achieve a successful and cohesive scheme. Our design has evolved from a thorough process of researching and understanding the site and its emerging context.

The scheme provides 74 homes across three buildings. The residential homes across Buildings A and B provide the later living accommodation managed by Lifestyle Residences and are all designed to meet or exceed Nationally Described Space Standards. A focus has been given to providing two-bedroom apartments in line with the target market of downsizing older adults and reflecting the shortage of this type of accommodation within the borough. Building C will provide charity accommodation to be operated by The Sons of Divine Providence, and are designed to meet or exceed Nationally Described Space Standards as one and two-bedroom apartments most suited to the occupants currently requiring accommodation.

Parking provision is provided on a 1:1 basis, a ratio considered appropriate for the location, the target market of Later Living occupants, and the dwelling sizes being provided.

Building A - Later Living accommodation

3	One-beds (6%)
39	Two-beds (78%)
8	Three-beds (16%)
50	Homes in total

Building B - Later Living townhouses

1	Two-bed (25%)
3	Three-bed (75%)
4	Homes in total

Building C - Charity accommodation

12	One-beds (60%)		
8	Two-beds (40%)		
20	Homes in total		

Total

15	One-beds (20%)
48	Two-beds (65%)
11	Three-beds (15%)
74	Homes in total

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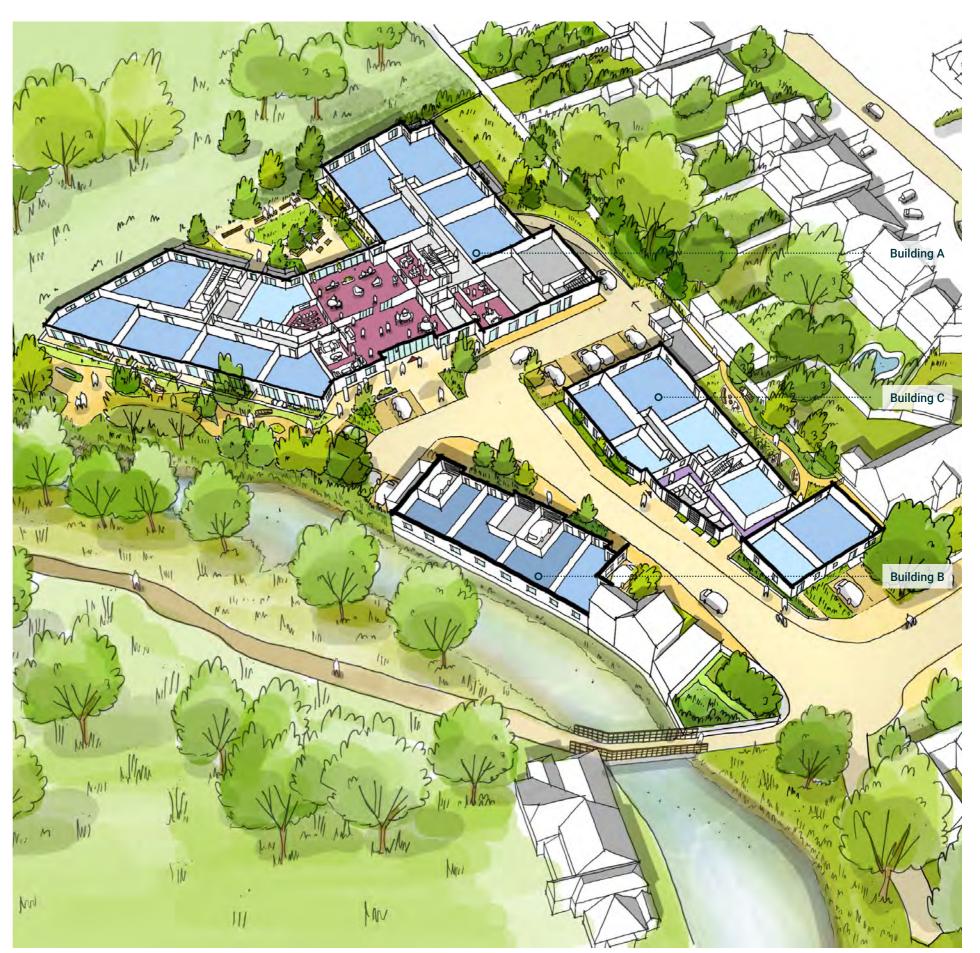
7,265 sq m (78,200 sq ft) GIA residential 409 sq m (4,402 sq ft) GIA amenity 2,368 sq m (25,489 sq ft) GIA ancillary (including basement ancillary) 10,042 sq m (108,092 sq ft) Total GIA

Parking

74 car	parking spaces	provided at 1:1 (includina four	accessible spaces)

1 loading bay / drop-off / pick-up space

56 cycle parking spaces including 4 short stay visitor spaces



Aerial sketch of proposed ground floor

4.2 Layout

The layout of the buildings has been designed to respond to the contextual constraints and opportunities of the site.

4.2.1 Ground floor plan

Building A's main access is through a central point which enters into the communal amenity space. This amenity is accessible to residents of both building A and B allowing residents to socialise and form a later living community. The space has been design to open up to the rear courtyard and green belt land to the north. The amenity spaces include, a lounge, cinema room, kitchen, dining room, gym and salon.

Building B and C are accessed off either side of the main street. This provides natural surveillance to the scheme. Access to the basement car park is via a one way ramp on the east side of the site.





Key

Site boundary

One-bed

Two-bed

Three-bed

Amenity

Residential lobby

Back of house

Key plan

4.2.2 Upper residential floors

The upper residential levels begin to set back within each building on the second floor; Building A steps away from the greenbelt land to the north, building B sets back from the River Ember and the front section building C is designed to reflect the neighbouring building height. Building A continues to set back on all sides within the third floor plan, providing private terraces for the apartments on this level.





Key plan



Proposed first floor plan



Proposed third floor plan



Proposed second floor plan



Proposed roof plan

4.3 Servicing & parking

The servicing strategy includes the following features:

- Safe, segregated routes for pedestrians are provided into and throughout the development
- Each building has an individual bin store in accordance with the, Recycling and waste provision, guidance for property developers by Joint Waste Solutions
- Refuse collection point and loading bay outside Building A
- 1 dedicated loading / drop off / pick up bay located at end of the new street, behind the townhouses

Parking provision is based on the following principles:

- Secure cycle parking is provided in accordance with the EBC Parking SPD.
 Residents of Building B will have access to the cycle store located in Building A.
 It is proposed that a minimum of 50% of the cycle parking is provided initially for the Later Living residents, with an area demarcated in the basement for potential future provision. This is due to uptake of cycle spaces within Later Living developments typically being very low. The cycle store for Building C is a covered store within the communal garden which will be accessed through a secure gate
- There are 4 cycle parking short stay visitor spaces provided within the landscape
- Vehicular access to the car park is via a basement ramp. A traffic light system and waiting area at either end of the ramp are proposed
- 74 car parking spaces are provided within the scheme, including four accessible spaces. Lifestyle Residences' detailed knowledge of similar developments in north Surrey indicates that car parking demand is significantly lower than 1:1 for Later Living; provision is therefore expected to exceed demand, thereby allowing on-site space for visitors

Further details on vehicle movements and refuse are provided within the access section of this report.



Basement floor plan



Design response

4.4 Scale & massing

The scale and massing of the scheme has evolved through the consultation process to respond to the different stakeholders and environmental requirements, as well as through detailed 3D view analysis shown in this report. This has resulted in a form that fits comfortably in its surrounding context and takes advantage of its setting.

There are three clear tiers of scale within the proposal:

The two storey element of Building C that sits within the Orchard Lane streetscape and matches the neighbouring properties in height. A clear break between this massing and the one behind signals a gradual change in scale as the buildings step away from these near neighbours.

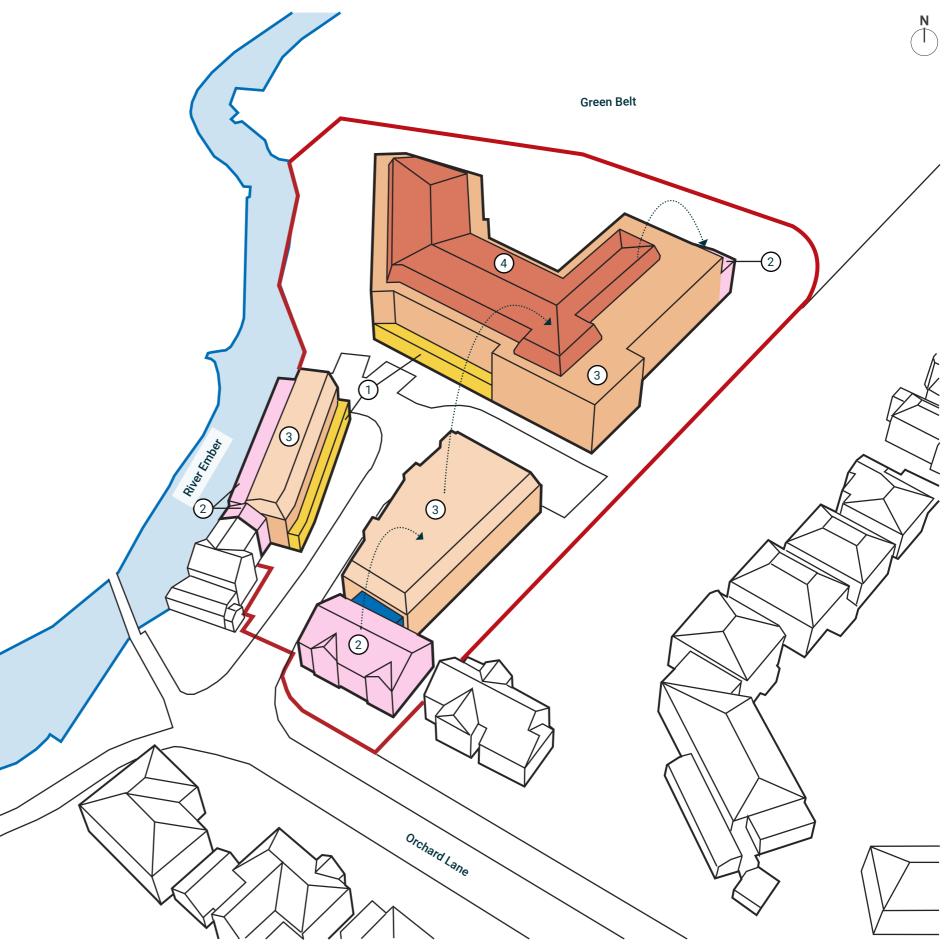
The largest building also steps down to two storeys in height where it fronts the Green Belt land. The riverside building also utilises a two storey element to connect sensitively with the neighbouring cottage.

The three storey elements sit along the site edges as you move into the development. On Building B and C these are in the form of mansard roof accommodation, relating to the varied roofscape and scale of the surrounding houses along Ember Farm Way.

Building A includes a set-back fourth storey in the form of a mansard roof. Set away from the building edges on all sides, it provides a cascading massing on all frontages and provides terraces for residents.

The massing is further broken up through the use of one storey projecting elements on Building A at the front and rear, and a covered porch and garage on Building B.





4.5 Architectural approach & materials

The architectural language and material choices have been informed by the immediate and surrounding context and the desire to create a high-quality coherent design. The design is inherently suburban and domestic in feel with mansard roofs and window proportions whilst still being contemporary.

4.5.1 Summary of approach

The general approach to the appearance is as follows:

- Cohesion between the different buildings through a family of common details and materials
- Simplicity of the design
- Elegant architecture
- Reference to the site's past
- Robust materials
- Façades responding to light by creating shadows through brick detailing and deep reveals

The scheme has been broken down in to three main building elements. These are tied together by a shared family of details, such as consistent banded brick detailing, stone banding, domestic window proportions and slate roof with dormers.

The varied roofscape has been designed to reference the heritage of the site and surrounding area. The different types of pitch and orientation of the gables reflect existing local buildings. The pitches on Building B reference the existing adjoining cottage whilst the pitch on the front of Building C references the surrounding houses on Orchard Lane.

The adjacent images show local details, roof forms and window proportions and how these have then been incorporated into the details within our proposals.

Key

- Roofscape local influence and proposal
- Brick detailing local influence and proposal
- Stone lintel local influence and proposal
- Detail above windows in rendered areas reflecting stone & soldier course window heads
- Window/door local influence and proposal
- ■ Half-height window local influence and proposal
- Stone banding/coping local influence and proposal

Respectful of local context

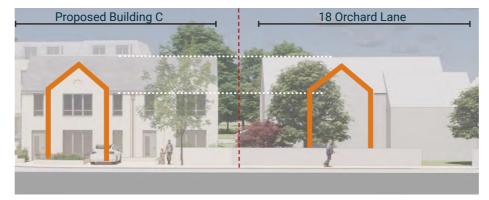


Diagram showing roofscape influences: ridge/eaves height and gable front of C to match 18 Orchard Lane

Proposed Building B Ember Farm Cottage

Ridge/eaves height and direction of pitch continued of Building B to match Ember Farm Cottage

Consistent detailing and material palette



Precedent of local influence (Ember Farm Cottage)



Building C Juliet balcony



Precedent of local influence (existing building)



Building B entrance with stone lintel

Slate and mansard type roofs



Precedent of local influence (Ember Lane)



Building C skylight and coping



Precedent of local influence (Orchard Farm Av.)



Building A dormer

Half height windows of domestic proportion



Precedent of local influence (Orchard Farm Av.)



Building C half-height triple window



Building C half-height window pair



Building A half height window detail

4.5.2 Materials

Robust, natural and hard-wearing materials have been selected to create a high-quality material palette.

There are four primary materials present in several locations around the site which complement the traditional materials used in the surrounding houses, including the white render to the front element of Building C.

The material palette is predominately brick with roofs, balconies and windows in dark grey metal or slate tiles, creating contrast.

The same brick type has been used in all the buildings to create an overall cohesion with each storey subtly broken up horizontally by a stone band in a similar tone to the brick. Where the brick changes in Building B, it distinguishes the existing wall and where it changes in Building A, it distinguishes the entrance, and breaks up the massing.

Pitched roofs are clad with grey slate tiles and metal clad dormers, which have been chosen to reflect the surrounding context.

Pale render Pale stone / GRC or similar Red brick (existing wall) Pale brick Pale brick Pale brick detailing

Roof

Dark brick

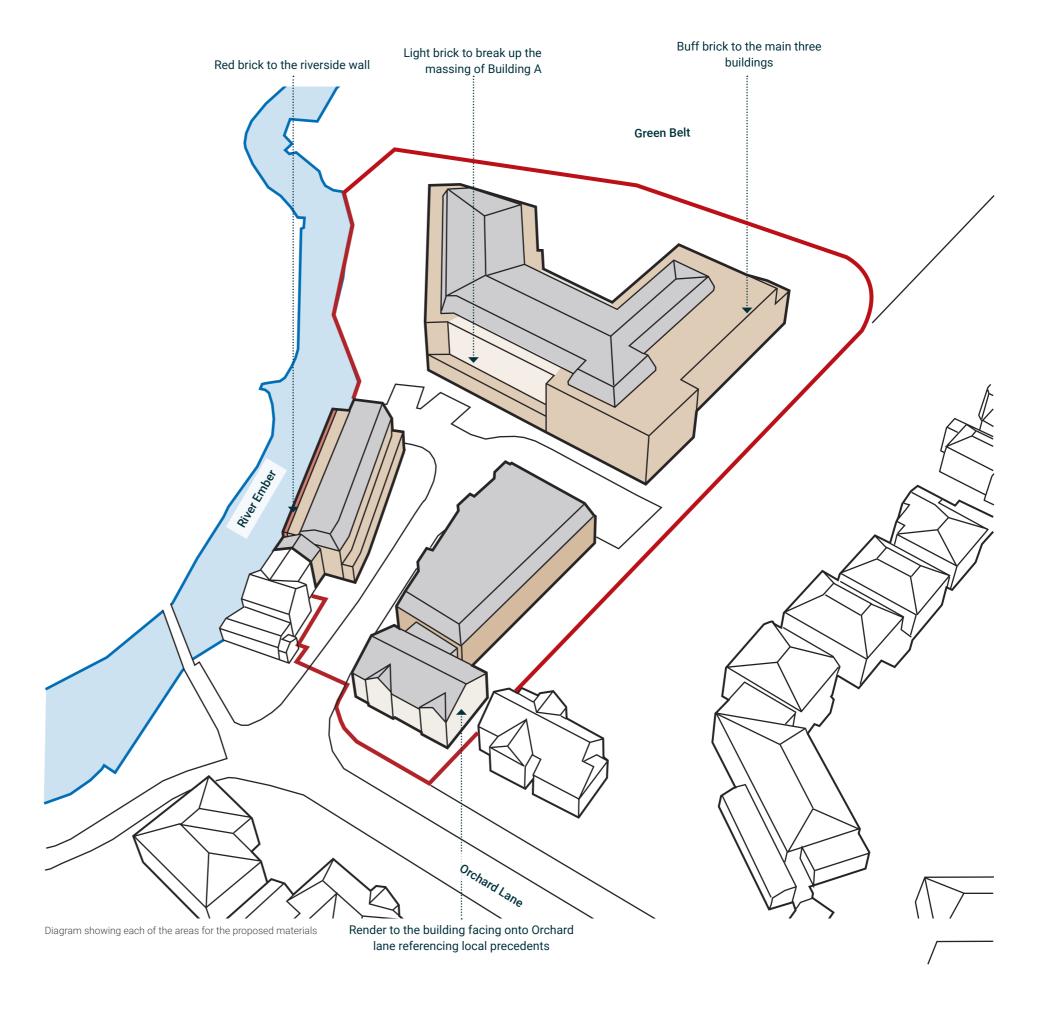


Grey slate or similar tiles



Grey metal

Dark brick detailing



4.6 Building A

Building A accommodates 50 apartments, which will make up the majority of the Later Living community, as well as containing a variety of amenity spaces at ground floor for residents of both Buildings A and B.



View from Green Belt





Viewpoint key

Building A rear courtyard view



View of Building A rear courtyard from Green Belt

Building A front view



Central view from Orchard Lane towards Buildings A and B

View of Building A along the River Ember

This view shows the richness of the riverside elevation of Building A. The key details include:

- Stone / GRC or similar banding between the ground and first floor to break the elevation and mirror similar details to Buildings B and C
- Banded brick detailing below the half-height windows similar to the Building C elevations
- Ornate modern metal balconies that references the element of the historic East Molesey mill
- Low brick wall and decorative railing around the ground floor terraces providing defensible space and privacy to these homes whilst allowing residents to enjoy
- · Soldier courses above windows and at the top of the building, referencing similar details in the local area
- Set-back slate mansard roof with metal dormers

Solar shading device to shade south-facing windows

Banded brick detailing matching buildings

balconies, referencing the local history and vernacular, whilst providing privacy and shading for residents

Stone /GRC or similar banding

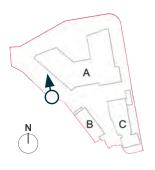
Integrated planting bed to soften the terrace boundary and create a more defensible space

Low brick wall with soldier course with stone / GRC or similar coping and decorative balustrades to provide defensible space and privacy to ground floor homes

Building C to create a family of

Decorative detailing to the metal

creating a break in elevation whilst referencing detailing from Buildings B and C





Set-back slate mansard

roof with metal dormers



Stone / GRC or similar coping

on top of the parapet wall

Double soldier course

Soldier course to top of windows and balconies Recessed down pipes creating breaks in the elevation



View from river towards Building A.

Building A balcony design

This view of the Building A balcony design shows the richness of the metal work detailing which will be used across the different elevations. This design references the design of the East Molesey mill as well as riverside houses of Molesey and Hampton. The ornate design is modern whilst giving residents more privacy and shading to their external space.



Precedents of modern metal balcony



Local houses with projecting balconies and metal detailing



East Molesey mill

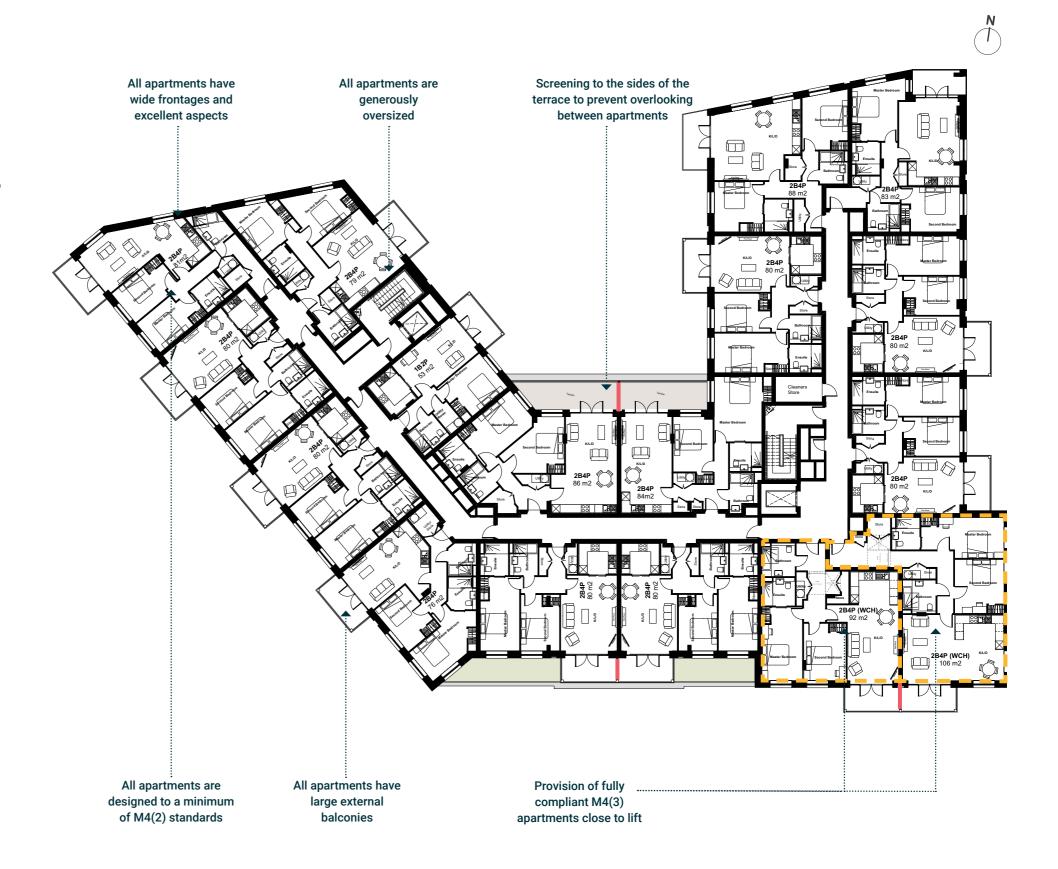


Ornate modern balcony design for Building A

Building A apartment layouts

This page presents the first floor of Building A, showing layouts of the accommodation. Building A contains 3×0 one-bedroom, 39×0 two-bedroom and 8×0 three-bedroom homes, which have been designed to suit the downsizer market. All layouts are designed to Building Regulations Approved Document Part M M4(2) or M4(3) compliance.

All apartments have been designed to be oversized in terms of area with spacious bedrooms, living spaces and bathrooms with oversized shower area. This gives the apartment the feel of luxury that is perfect for downsizers, whilst also ensuring that they can be adapted for future requirements. The external balconies provided are also generous, allowing residents to enjoy their own private amenity spaces.





Courtyard apartments of Building A

The courtyard of Building A provides a space for residents to come together and be part of a community. The building has been designed with two 'wings' that are angled away from each other to prevent direct overlooking whilst creating a space that promotes socialising between the residents.

Dual-aspect

- Four of six courtyard apartments are dual or triple-aspect. The two single-aspect courtyard apartments are either west-facing or north-east-facing, resulting in no single-aspect north-facing apartments
- All apartments will benefit from fantastic views over the courtyard and onto the Green Belt

Balcony strategy

- The balconies in the knuckle of Building A have been fully recessed to mitigate overlooking
- A privacy screen between the inset balconies ensures the privacy of the external amenity space

Overlooking distances

- The minimum overlooking distance between windows of the courtyard apartments is 14.2m; the apartments are dual-aspect with the internal layout designed for this distance to be between their secondary outlook (bedrooms) ensuring their primary aspect (living / kitchen / dining rooms) is clear of any overlooking
- Due to the angle of the western wing, no windows are directly facing / overlooking one another. From a living space the minimum overlooking distance is 21.7m

Daylight / Sunlight

Consil have assessed the daylight amenity within all of the habitable rooms within
the scheme, with the results showing an overall level of compliance of 97%. The
results for courtyard apartments in Building A show that the vast majority of
rooms would meet the guidance for daylight amenity, including all of the rooms on
the first, second and third floors. There would be two living rooms and one
bedroom at ground floor where daylight would be restricted, however a reasonable
proportion of each room would still receive adequate levels of daylight amenity.

Key

Dual-aspect apartment

Single-aspect apartment

Triple-aspect apartment

Fully inset balconies

Primary aspect (living/kitchen/dining rooms)

Secondary aspect (bedrooms/bathrooms)

Privacy screen

X m Distance between secondary aspects

X m Distance between primary aspects





Building A second floor plan

Design response

4.7 Building B

Building B is made up of four townhouses which are part of the Later Living offer on-site. These townhouses will have access to the internal and external amenity in Building A, as well as the Green Belt land at the rear of the scheme.



View towards Building B.

Building B layout & amenity space

The townhouses utilise the existing riverside wall, enabling the building to be built up against the rivers edge, whilst improving sustainability through reuse of existing built fabric. The accommodation has been designed to a hybrid M4(1) / M4(2)/M4(3) accessibility standard to suit the Later Living market, with a lift built in from day one.

The ground floor typically accommodates a kitchen diner and utility cupboard, the first floor provides the master suit and two other bedrooms and the top level has the main living space and generous roof terrace. These are accessible via stairs or a domestic lift.

Sufficient external amenity space

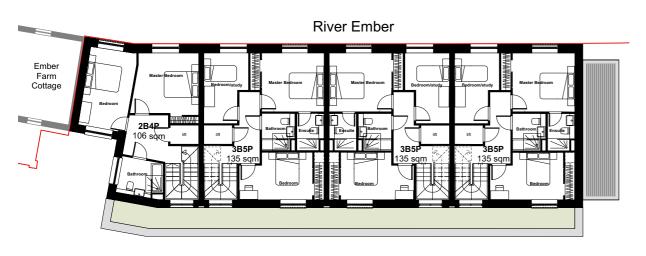
The Elmbridge Local Plan Design and Character Supplementary Planning Document's guidance for houses states that the gardens 'should be of an appropriate size to provide amenity space for occupiers... In some instances, a minimum garden depth of 11m should be provided.' This is caveated if the area is constrained, in this case by the River Ember, then 'individual design solutions the provision of amenity space, such as providing balconies, courtyards or communal space rather than a private garden of specified depth.' Within this proposal we have provided a private terrace, as well as access to both internal and external shared communal space as detailed below.

The proposed second floor plan highlights the townhouses' external terrace sizes which have excellent views of the river. These terraces, though below the 11m guidance, still provide a sizeable private external amenity much larger than an equivalent balcony on a 3-bedroom flat. These terraces have been designed to be a manageable size for the Later Living residents in order to reduce the amount of maintenance their property requires when downsizing.

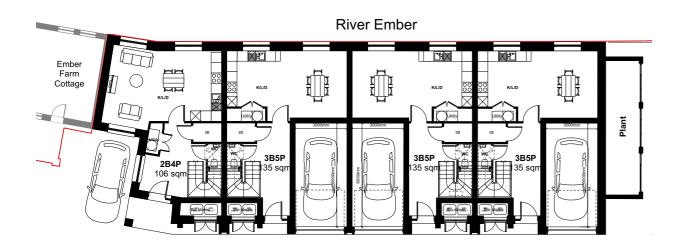
The townhouse residents will also have full access to all the internal amenity available in Building A (409 sq m), as well as the external amenity including the riverside walk (650 sq m), the external courtyard (320 sq m) and the Green Belt land at the rear of the scheme.

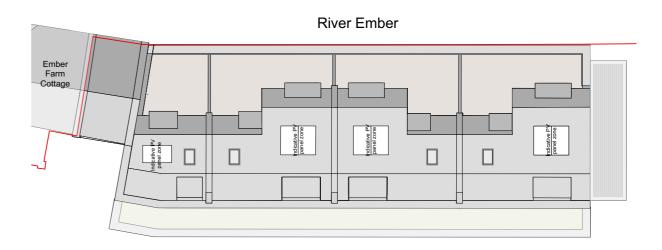
This townhouse accommodation provides a different offer to the apartments in Building A providing a variety of accommodation typed to suit different residents needs who are downsizing from larger homes.



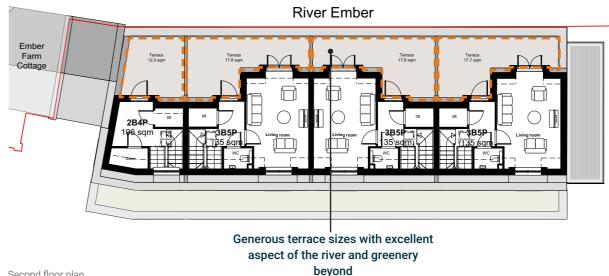








Roof plan



Ground floor plan

Riverside view of Building B



River side view of Building B.

Technical strategy for riverside wall

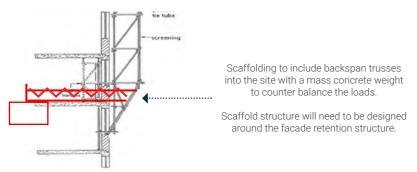
The proposal for Building B is to demolish the majority of Newstead house due to poor quality construction and substandard floor to floor heights, whilst retaining the riverside wall.

Retaining the riverside wall allows the development to continue to feel embedded within its setting, as this is a prominent view for the public when crossing the River Ember from Orchard Lane. The wall will require propping and repairing as part of this process, with new openings being created and additional height added to create a parapet wall to the new terraces, whilst it will also be lined with insulation internally to upgrade its thermal performance.

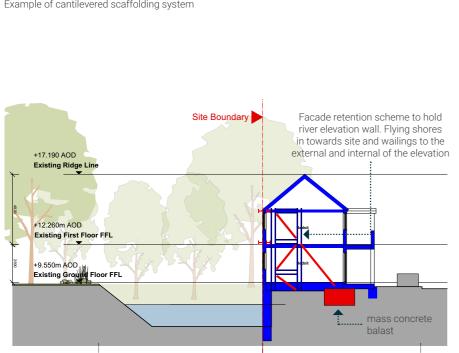
Works to this building and wall retention will be undertaken with minimal impact on the river course, utilising cantilevered scaffolding where possible.

To give a clear distinction between the townhouses, which are constructed against this wall, Building B will be built using the same buff brick used throughout the proposals. This is both similar to the existing construction and will also help maintain the commonality within our development.

The diagrams on this page give an example of a possible construction sequence for Building B and demonstrate the existing materials vs proposed.

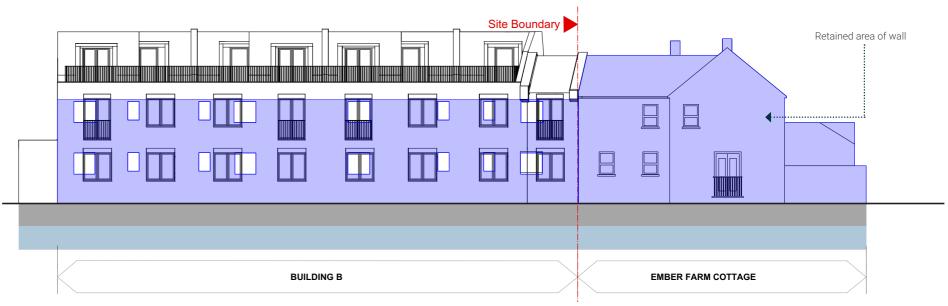


Example of cantilevered scaffolding system



NEWSTEAD HOUSE

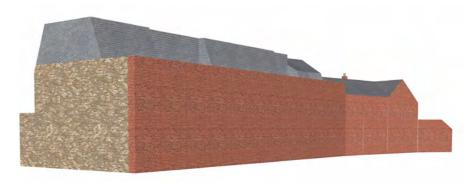
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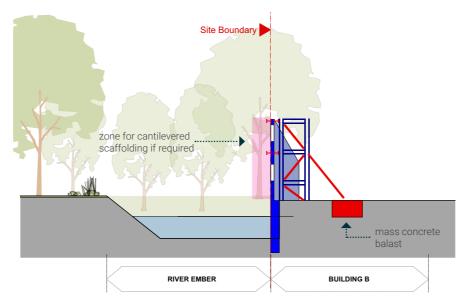
Proposed elevation of Building B with existing retained wall area shown in blue with previous window outlines



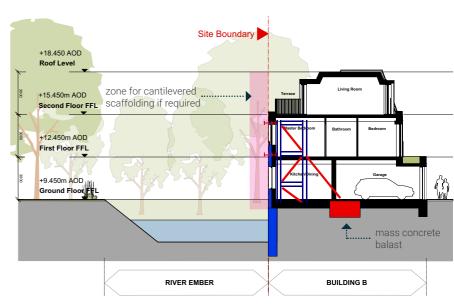
Existing Newstead House materials diagram view from river



Proposed Building B materials diagram view from river



2. Demolition of existing building and retention of riverside wall, propped on inside face



3. Construction of townhouses utilising existing wall revising openings and improving structure