

Affordable Housing **Profile**



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Understanding Affordable Housing

Oxford Architects have a broad depth of knowledge and experience in designing homes and residential accommodation for the public housing sector. This experience has been built up over a long period resulting in an impressive and exciting portfolio of completed and ongoing work.

Whether projects are won through framework arrangements, site finding and introduction, or JV opportunities, we have well established working relationships with many Housing Associations and RSLs operating throughout the UK.

Keeping pace with the ever changing social housing landscape means working collaboratively with housing providers to assist them in delivering viable projects.

This early involvement, not only with the client but with other stakeholders such as Local Authority Housing Enablers, Ward Councillors and Community Consultation Groups, ensures our designs incorporate third parties' desires and aspirations to provide a contemporary, sustainable and affordable design response.

This then allows us to submit planning applications with confidence.

We have an enviable record of achieving planning permission on often difficult sites with solutions that meet our clients' objectives, both idealistically and commercially.

- New build and affordable housing units across many tenure types
- Sheltered accommodation – to protect the most vulnerable
- Key worker accommodation – to provide for the most needed
- Eco homes – to give back to the environment

The home should be the
treasure chest of living.

[Le Corbusier]

[1. Manor Road, Swindon]

Developments

Our clients' portfolio demonstrates the faith that many developers and housing providers have in us and reflects our continuing desire to provide high quality affordable housing solutions.

We provide innovative and imaginative design solutions for apartment and housing schemes in a range of densities, unit mixes and styles to suit the project brief.

The scale of developments range from smaller S106 infill schemes through to large scale site masterplans for 200+ units. Typically schemes are in the range of 20 – 30 units.

We are architects who want to build out what we design and offer a full range of services from RIBA Stage 0 (Defining the brief) to Stage 7 (Project completion).

We delight in seeing new homes handed over to those who need them the most.



1. St Augustine's, Bristol 2. Gloucester Road North, Bristol 3. St Augustine's, Bristol 4. Maynard Terrace, Clutton, Somerset 5. St Augustine's, Bristol

6. Manor Road, Swindon 7, 8. 148-156 Gloucester Road, Bristol

Urban Streetscape



The urban setting of any development is fundamental to how it is interpreted and how it then succeeds. As technology and innovation change, our way of seeing our streetscapes needs to have the capacity to adjust and develop in the same way. Design solutions should recognise and provide this in the built form through character, rhythm, grain, building typology, texture, materials and landscaping. When all these align correctly, the result will speak for itself.



1. Vanguard Housing, Bristol 2. Newfoundland Road, Bristol 3. Bathwell Road, Bristol 4. 148-156 Gloucester Road, Bristol

5. Vanguard Housing, Bristol 6. Goolden Street, Totterdown, Bristol 7. Newfoundland Road, Bristol

Flats & Apartments

Our buildings seek to promote their surroundings in a holistic and encompassing manner.

Existing site context, scale, massing, density, urban grain and rhythm, as well as materiality and landscaping, all come together in a design response that progresses social housing within the community it is a part of.

Other key considerations are biodiversity, the environment, technology, health and wellbeing.

The completed development should act as a catalyst for social cohesion and inclusion for the new occupiers so that they are welcomed by, feel part of and are worthy contributors to their new neighbourhood. A new generation of housing with a sense of community at its base.



1. Pollard Row, London E2 2. Gloucester Road North, Bristol 3. Coningsby Street, Hereford

4. Gilda Parade, Bristol 5. Wells Road & School Road, Bristol 6. Two Waters Road, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire

Masterplanning

The beauty of a masterplan is the ability to consider and allow successfully for all. The opportunity to create a city block, street, hamlet or village is something that does not come around very often. The responsibility for the Architect to get it right is huge.

We have a wealth of experience in getting it right. Early involvement with key stakeholders allows us to plan properly and seek the best consultants' input for the scheme right from the start. This information is then disseminated and distilled down through the design process. From here, the key design drivers rise to the top and form the guiding principles for the scheme concept and development. Once agreed, these are worked hard to ensure that they withstand the questions asked of them. After this, the masterplan design can be fixed and agreed.



Skyline Concept, Tiverton, Devon



Penywain Lane, Pontypool, Wales



Fair Oaks Garden Village, Surrey



Go Ahead Development, Oxford

Other Residential Experience

Individual Houses & Extensions

Oxford Architects have a long and distinguished history of providing exciting and innovative houses for individual clients, and to that end we have produced a separate profile which provides greater detail of our success and expertise in this area.



Bateman House, Gloucestershire



The Lodge, Bagley Croft, Oxford



D House, Bristol



The Pavilion, Sutton Courtenay

Specialist Housing

We also have a great depth of expertise and knowledge in other housing areas including:

- Residential Care and Assisted Living Housing
- Student Housing

Oxford Architects have produced a separate profile for specialist housing which provides greater detail of our success and experience in this area.



Kingfisher Court, Hampshire



Mansfield College, Oxford



Young Dementia UK Homes



Hollybush Lodge, Oxford

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