

## our work



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# practice profile

Studio Four Architects is a medium sized architectural practice based in Hampshire. With offices in Romsey and Winchester and a staff of over 40 we can provide a reliable and well resourced service. We listen to our clients and provide solutions which meet budget and operational needs with design flair. We foster relationships of co-operation with all members of the design and construction team. We respond quickly and provide staff who are knowledgeable and confident in dealing with design and detail issues.

We are proud that the majority of our work is from our Clients returning again and again, showing the high level of satisfaction and good working relationships we strive to achieve. Studio Four Architects was founded in 1992 in Romsey by George Rankin and Nick Lockyer, with Mike Brownlow joining in 1993. The practice has steadily expanded its base and workload and now enjoys a wide variety of projects. Alongside significant healthcare experience, we have completed many projects in other sectors including education, housing, leisure, retail/commercial, church and community-based schemes. The Winchester office was opened in 1997 to serve a growing number of clients in the Winchester area. Both offices work together to share resources, expertise and training opportunities. In 2012, Studio Four Specialist Projects was formed to provide services focussed around conservation, specialist architectural projects and building surveying.

In 2013 the practice merged with Chris Edmond Associates, architects and interior designers, based in central Southampton. Chris Edmond Associates has provided Architect's services for over 30 years to clients in Southampton and the surrounding counties. These have included developers, housing associations, local authorities, private businesses and householder clients. Whilst specialising in the residential market with projects ranging from inner city apartments to bespoke high quality houses, the practice also works with urban renewal projects, listed buildings and has designed a number of community buildings including yacht clubs, golf clubs and commercial start-up units.

A wide range of architectural services are provided for all project stages, including:

- · Planning opportunities and feasibility studies
- Brief preparation
- Full architectural duties
- Design team leadership
- CDM Co-ordinator duties
- Design & Build co-ordination
- Site inspection
- · Interior design
- · Maintenance advice
- · Physical models and 3D modelling
- · Measured surveys
- dilapidation and/or condition surveys
- Party Wall matters
- · Listed Building Refurbishment & Development



## how we work

#### Our approach

Studio Four Architects and Chris Edmond Associates have been involved in many residential developments over the last 30 years. These have included smaller-scale housing schemes and group homes through to urban renwal projects, large apartment developments and student accommodation. Clients have included private developers, large housebuilders and housing associations.

We believe in good quality design which lasts, which is a response to its environment and which is grounded in cost-effective construction; our portfolio includes contemporary as well as more traditional styles of design. We seek to maximise the potential of a site whilst respecting the planning and design context. We understand the constraints of viability and can advise on this at an early stage in a project.

We have experience at all project stages, from concept design through planning to construction on site and have a reputation for a hands-on approach. We are increasingly using 3D design technology – such as Autodesk Revit – to enable realistic views and images to be prepared at the increasingly-involved planning stage; and we don't design alone - our schemes are always a result of good dialogue between our clients, the design team and contractor.

#### About us

Studio Four Architects have offices in Romsey and Hampshire, and merged with Chris Edmond Associates in May 2013 who continue to be based in Southampton. Chris has provided architectural services for over 30 years to clients in the Southampton area which, as well as residential schemes, have included community projects, yacht clubs, golf clubs and commercial/office units. Our Specialist Projects team, based in Romsey, provide building surveying services and have extensive knowledge of working with historic buildings.









# Portswood Road, Southampton Contemporary Student Housing

Our Southampton office, Chris Edmond Associates have been asked to design a large development of over 100 units on a large and commanding site of vacant shops, derelict industrial buildings and former bakery located in Southampton City Centre.

The developer is seeking 100 self contained student flats consisting of a mixture of 1, 2 and 3 bed units set around a central courtyard. Car parking is to be provided in a large two storey underground car park. The proposal includes a large commercial office on the ground floor.

The central courtyard will create a green space between the proposal and the existing buildings and will be open to all the residents who reside in the proposed flats as well as the existing surrounding buildings.

The design is to be modern in its appearance, will take into account existing ground levels and will turn the current derelict brownfield site into a vibrant, lively residence

PROJECT VALUE: £6 MILLION STAGE: IN DESIGN

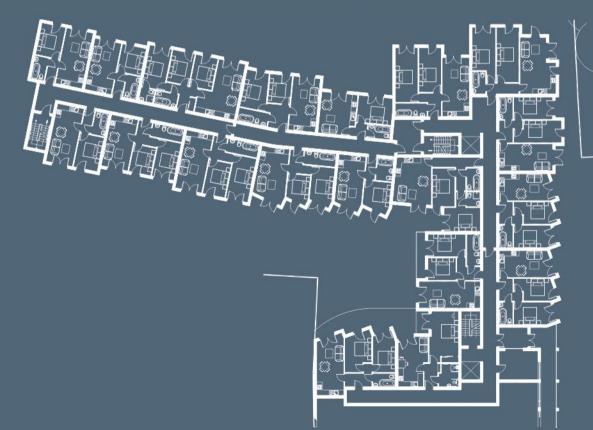












The Maltings, West Dean creation of 2 new houses from historic barns and alterations to main house to form 3 new dwellings.

Studio Four obtained full planning permission for the Maltings in late 2011. The site comprised of a house and 2 barns which date back to the 18th & 19th Century and were vacant. Works to the house involved minor alterations to the layout to change the entrance position and to convert the 2 outbuildings into dwellings. The smaller outbuilding was converted to become a 2 storey, 2 bedroom dwelling with a single storey extension. The larger outbuilding was converted into a 2 storey, 4 bedroom dwelling with integral garage as well as a single storey south facing extension.

(pictures from pearsons estate agents)

PROJECT VALUE: £ UNKNOWN STAGE: COMPLETED 2013



















# **Belmont Road, Southampton**Contemporary Flat Development

Our Southampton office, Chris Edmond Associates have been asked to look at redeveloping this existing corner site. The proposal is to replace the existing dwelling and create 10 large flats with adjoining car parking and amenity spaces. The proposal has been designed to comply with the new National Planning Framework which encourages Local Authorities to seek high quality designs whilst promoting vitality into Urban areas.

PROJECT VALUE: £1 MILLION STAGE: IN DESIGN





## **47a Bevois Valley Road, Southampton**Special Needs Flat Development

Our Southampton office, Chris Edmond Associates have been requested to design a contemporary development on behalf of Radian Housing for 6 special-needs flats with wheelchair accommodation and caretaker's office, in a tight City Centre site.

All are set around a central circulation, with outside amenity area, disabled car space, bin storage and bike store.

Care has been taken to ensure the flats and layouts are suitable for the end-users' future needs.

Other key design principles were:

- Low mono-pitch roof areas allow for mounting of photovoltaics.
- Defensible space and railings to street elevations.
- Wheelchair access from rear car park and main entrance.
- Open plan kitchen and living room space
- Aiming to achieve Secure by Design, including door entry system, enclosing wall and railings.
- The building is to meet Sustainable Homes Level 4 and achieve Lifetime Homes Accreditation

PROJECT VALUE: £700,000 STAGE: IN DESIGN CLIENT: RADIAN











### **Highbury Tower**

Student Accommodation

Studio Four Architects were requested to design a contemporary re-cladding design for Highbury College

Now completed and occupied, the scheme involved the re-design of the academic accommodation on the lower five floors to create student accommodation and external re-cladding of all facades to improve visual and environmental performance of the fabric. Thermal insulation was to be brought up to current standards with external window areas reduced to offset solar gain and to reduce glare on VDU screens. The overhanging roof feature provides both a visual cornice and a parapet to allow safe access to roof mounted plant.

**PROJECT VALUE:** £4.3 MILLION

STAGE: COMPLETED

**CLIENT:** HIGHBURY COLLEGE







### Lordswood Lane, Chilworth

new build private houses

Our Southampton office, Chris Edmond Associates have been appointed to look at designing and delivering a carbon neutral scheme of 5 houses in a Brownfield location, with an open available site set for development. The site is surrounded by mature woodland and currently has a large family house, a kennel/cattery business and outbuildings. Two schemes have been produced with one looking at underground houses and the other designed as contemporary barn conversions. Concepts have been designed to achieve Level 6 Code for Sustainable Homes (are carbon neutral) ecological in their form and to create the least effect on the surrounding landscape.





### Littleton, Winchester

3 new detached houses

Studio Four were approached by Westbourne Southern Ltd to investigate the potential of updating an existing planning permission for 3-bed houses to create 4-bed houses on this village site. Alterations and improvements to the original scheme were agreed with the Planning Authority and the project was drawn up to achieve Building Regulations approval.

Studio Four recommended timber-frame construction and the team worked closely to achieve the necessary acoustic and thermal standards. Solar panels, foul water treatment plant and secure by design standards were included, with the result that the houses exceeded building regulations part L requirements and achieved a Code for Sustainable Homes Level 3 rating.

Buildability was critical as South Drive is a very narrow cul-de-sac and the site access was limited. Overall the scheme resulted in three modern, sustainable homes, using traditional materials, that were very popular and sold before completion in October 2008

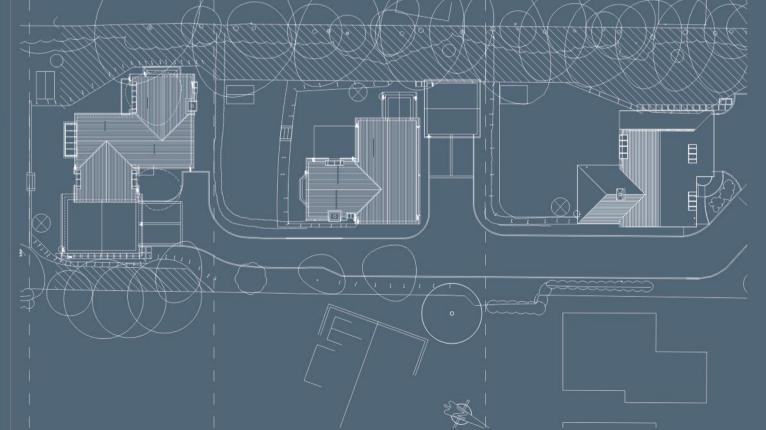
PROJECT VALUE: £800,000 STAGE: COMPLETED 2008

**CLIENT: WESTBOURNE SOUTHERN LIMITED** 









### Portswood Road, Southampton

9 new houses, 47 residential flats split into 3 separate blocks

Our Southampton office, Chris Edmond Associates have been asked to look at redeveloping a large and commanding site of vacant shops with derelict sheds and former bakery which has been unoccupied for over 8 years. The proposal includes the creation of 9 houses ranging from 4 bed, 3 bed, 2 bed and 47 residential flats split into 3 separate blocks. The proposal includes a large central communal area and gardens which will be shared by all the residents. The development will provide decent affordable homes on a previously derelict site close to Southampton City Centre and will contribute to the local housing need with 30% of the units designed to be family housing.

PROJECT VALUE: £5 MILLION STAGE: PLANNING APPROVED





### Kings Worthy, Winchester

7 new dwellings

Studio Four were approached by the owners of a bungalow on a generous sloping site in Kings Worthy. Many unsuccessful Planning applications had been made over the years for developing the site but none had received permission. As the owners were approaching retirement and wished to move out of the area, maximising the value of their property was vital.

A very detailed pre-application process was undertaken, with the Planners very cautious about allowing "backland" development in this area, overlooked from across a shallow valley, and Studio Four persistent that some form of development was appropriate on this plot. Eventually the Planners agreed that as long as none of the new dwellings appeared to be greater than single-storey height, and were divided up by tree planting across the slope, some development would be possible. The final scheme achieved Planning approval by creating split-level floor plans, which kept the roof height down to single storey height, respected the site contours and also created interesting internal room layouts.

The 2, 3 and 4 bedroom properties were very popular, even in the sluggish Housing market of 2011, and Williams Ewan commissioned Studio Four to carry out further feasibility studies for a number of neighbouring similar sites. Subsequently Planning permission and working drawings have been completed for 3 similar dwellings, with enhanced energy-saving features, on an adjacent site which have also sold successfully, and further developments are in the pipeline.

PROJECT VALUE: £1.8 MILLION (both sites)

STAGE: COMPLETED 2012 CLIENT: WILLIAMS EWAN









### The Avenue, Southampton

commercial units, underground parking and 112 residential flats

Our Southampton office, Chris Edmond Associates had the opportunity to design an infill development project which had to taken into account the local vernacular architectural styles whilst being modern in the overall design. The two blocks were designed in a formal, reserved manner, with clearly defined roof elements which express the 'Tudor-Bethan 'style in a 21st Century manner. The two blocks have been designed in reference to the Victorian landscape designer Humphrey Repton with a formal garden linking the two blocks and leaving the remainder of the garden as an area of wildlife friendly habitat.

**PROJECT VALUE:** £1-2 MILLION

**STAGE**: PLANNING













## **Bedford Place, Southampton**Flat Refurbishment

Our Southampton office, Chris Edmond Associates were commissioned to survey the existing VAT offices in Southampton and convert them to 45 self contained flats and ground floor Sainsbury's Local Store, restaurant and shop. The design completely changed the appearance of the building and extended the building by two storeys.

PROJECT VALUE: £4 MILLION STAGE: COMPLETED 2008







### High Street, Southampton

commercial units, underground parking and 112 residential flats

Our Southampton office, Chris Edmond Associates have been asked to design a contemporary block of residential flats with ground floor commercial premises on a challenging site within the old part of the City. This vibrant and lively location required a thoughtful attitude to link the 'old' and the 'new'. The proposal includes 2 floors of commercial units, underground parking and 112 residential flats. The flats are to be of a high standard with a mixture of family houses and flats to solo apartments and penthouses. The frontage ground floor contains restaurants and shop areas.

PROJECT VALUE: £5 MILLION STAGE: PLANNING APPLICATION









#### Other works

Over the years we have prepared many designs for estate housing both with the Local Authority, Housing Associates and major national developers/House Builders.

Sites are not always easily developed and considerable inspiration is required to form not only an acceptable design, fitting in with the local environment, but to form a community where people are happy to live. Schemes are often developed from standard house and flat types into a form acceptable to the local infrastructure, adjoining buildings and to local Planning Policy. Much emphasis is now on shared surface access road, concealed parking, open amenity areas, good quality landscaping and to create a community to which people will aspire to belong. Schemes range from just a few infill houses to major housing development in excess of a 100 dwellings. The Practice has considerable experience in preparing feasibility proposals, knowledge of the planning policies both locally and nationally, and to maximising development potential without giving the appearance of high density





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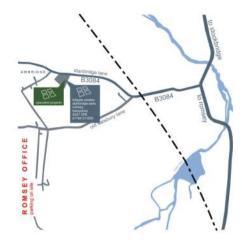


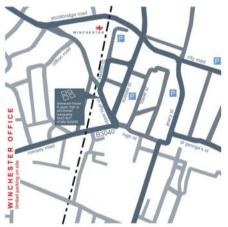
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