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Introduction

Hester Architects Ltd.

Hester Architects are a modern, client focused practice at the forefront of technological advances in both the way buildings are designed and constructed. They work across most sectors from large scale housing projects to energy efficient/ sustainable design. They are renowned for their use of cutting edge architectural technologies including 3D scanning, printing and augmented reality to showcase their designs in the virtual world.



About Us

“HESTER ARCHITECTS PROVIDE A VERY SOLID PERFORMANCE FOR A COMPETENT, ENTHUSIASTIC & PROACTIVE FIRM OF ARCHITECTS...”

Catalyst Housing Group.

Founded in 1998, Hester Architects Ltd is a modern, dynamic, client focused practice at the forefront of technological advances in both the way buildings are designed and constructed. We work across many sectors which include large scale housing projects for national developers; affordable housing; regeneration projects; care homes / care villages; hotels; leisure complexes; and commercial buildings. We specialise in Master Planning; high density mixed use urban design; multi storey buildings; prefabricated construction; and energy efficient / sustainable design and have a reputation for maximizing site values.

Our company structure ensures that we can deliver and maintain the best service for our clients on all aspects of the project.

We are continually taking steps to expand into the realms of computerised interactive environments and have championed Building Information Modelling (BIM) for well over a fifteen years.

At Hester Architects we have the ability to adapt to a fast changing world. We are always investigating new ways of presenting our designs, our buildings and the environment they influence and function within.

HOPE STREET, LIVERPOOL

344 student bedrooms and ancillary retail.

**Hope Street, Liverpool**

Hope Street, Liverpool stretches from the city's Roman Catholic cathedral, past the Anglican cathedral to Upper Parliament Street. It is one of Liverpool's official 'Great Streets' and it was also awarded 'The Great Street Award' in the 2012 Urbanism Awards. To the North of the street lies The University of Liverpool campus. Our client Nordic Homes purchased this former car park site with planning permission for 347 student units in 2012 and Hester Architects Ltd prepared all of the working drawings to allow the scheme to commence on site in 2014.

Each student unit is a pre-fabricated timber module that is factory finished in Latvia and transported by cargo ship to the Port of Liverpool where it is unloaded, delivered to site and installed the same day. Hester Architects Ltd worked closely with the Latvian factory to ensure the modules met the required quality and local building regulations.



ELY COURT, KILBURN

208 Private and Affordable flats and townhouses.

Ely Court, Kilburn

This scheme forms an integral part of the South Kilburn Regeneration Plan which by 2023 will provide 2400 new homes on the site of the former South Kilburn Estate. The scheme was designed for The London Borough of Brent by Alison Brooks Architects in association with Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands and was granted planning permission in 2010. Hester Architects Ltd were appointed by Catalyst Housing Group in 2012 and they worked closely with ABA to implement the proposals.

The scheme comprises a total of 43 units (25 market sales and 18 rented and shared ownership) across 3 separate blocks grouped around a rejuvenated public park. It includes a terrace of distinctive 2 and 3 storey mews houses with private gardens along the newly formed Mews Lane, a series of 2 storey duplexes with double storey voids facing Chichester Avenue and a small block of accessible flats adjacent to the Brondesbury Arms.



CAMBRIDGE AND WELLS, LONDON

101 residential units.



Cambridge and Wells, London

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The scheme comprises a total of 101 residential units across 3 distinct blocks centred on a new public open-space. The largest of these is the villa block which runs the length of Cambridge Avenue from Kilburn Park Underground Station to Kilburn High Road. This block is designed as a modern interpretation of the Victorian villas which line the opposite side of Cambridge Avenue. It presents a formal, regular frontage to the scheme that repeats the rhythm and scale of the buildings opposite.

To the rear of the site facing Coventry Close and Alpha House there are two mews blocks which provide a mix of private and rented accommodation.



HERNE HILL, SOUTH LONDON

69 student rooms and retail.

**Herne Hill, South London**

This scheme occupies a double-fronted site between Milkwood Road and Herne Hill within the Herne Hill Conservation Area. It sits between a 4 storey mansion block to the north and a locally listed Edwardian post office to the South.

The scheme comprises 69 student rooms to the four upper levels and a student reception and retail unit at ground floor level. The building has an amenity deck at third floor level.

The scheme's material palette is predominantly red brick to complement the materials of the conservation area but it has been used in a more contemporary fashion with Flemish bond and intricate fretted detailing. The set-back top storey is clad in zinc. To the ground floor there are decorative feature gates that enclose the service road and the pedestrian thoroughfare.



ST. BERNARDS, EALING

280 Private and Affordable flats.

**St. Bernards, Ealing**

This scheme sits on Land of the former Hanwell Asylum adjacent to Ealing Hospital. The Site incorporates St Bernards chapel and the grade 2 listed Gatehouse which dates from 1831. The arch of the gatehouse forms the main entrance to the scheme and in doing so reinstates the historic axis with the Chapel.

The scheme comprises of 270 apartments over 7 individual blocks, including the refurbished grade 2 listed North House. Phase one of the scheme is due to start on site in July 2015 and phase two will be submitted for planning approval (reserved matters) in August 2015.



GRAFTON STREET, HIGH WYCOMBE
105 Private and Affordable dwellings,
including flats and houses.



Grafton Street, High Wycombe

Formerly the William Bartlett furniture factory, this contemporary designed scheme for Catalyst Housing Group is located two miles away from the town centre of High Wycombe and is situated on the banks of the River Wye.

There are 105 dwellings in total with a mixture of two bed apartments and two, three and four bedroom houses comprising of 52 Private for sale dwellings , 37 Rented dwellings and 16 Shared Ownership dwellings.



LONDON ROAD, HOUNSLOW

96 Private and Affordable flats.

**London Road, Hounslow**

This scheme is built on the site of the former Dominion Theatre on London Road, Hounslow. It is a mixed-use building incorporating 76 flats, 50 rented and shared ownership, and 26 private, and an A2 (estate agency) unit to the London Road frontage. The building sits between 2/3 storey housing to the rear on North Drive and larger 6/7 storey buildings along London Road. In response to the context it was designed as a series of four stepped residential blocks rising from 3 storeys at the northern end of the site to 8 storeys along London Road.

Due to its close proximity to bus, rail and underground stations the scheme has been designed with virtually no resident car parking. Amenity space is provided by small landscaped gardens, balconies and rooftop terraces.

The continuous glazed balconies to the front elevation and the exposed concrete V columns are key features of the design on what has become an important building along the approach to Hounslow Town Centre.



YORK STREET, BELFAST



York Street, Belfast

In relocating to a new campus in the North of Belfast The University of Ulster has created a huge demand for student accommodation in the city. This is the first of several schemes to be granted planning permission and the first new-build block to start on-site. It lies directly opposite the University Campus buildings and will provide 720 en-suite bedrooms and associated communal facilities over 14 storeys. The building will open in 2019.



THE AVENUE, EALING

Luxury Private housing.

**The Avenue, Ealing**

The Avenue is one of Ealing's most prestigious residential streets. It lies at the heart of The St Stephens Conservation Area just West of Ealing Broadway. The conservation area is characterised by large detached Edwardian villas on wide plots along tree-lined boulevards. This particular site is located at the junction of The Avenue and College Road. It was previously occupied by Ealing College, a private school for boys which dated back to 1837. When the school closed for business in 2011, our client Simon Scott Homes purchased the site for residential development.

It took a year of careful negotiation with Ealing's planners and conservation officer to obtain a change of use from community to residential and to agree a suitable treatment for the buildings exterior in this sensitive location. The end result is five large, five bedroom, family houses each approx. 3700 square feet in area with accommodation spread over four floors. The traditional design, details and architecture of the buildings exterior contrast with the contemporary interiors which have been designed to meet all the needs of modern family life.



COLBECK MEWS, KENSINGTON

Luxury Private housing.

**Colbeck Mews, Kensington**

6 Colbeck Mews is situated in Kensington West London. Dating from 1865 it is a fine example of a cobbled London mews street and one of the few that retain a grand arch at its entrance. When our client, Gavin Scott, purchased No. 6 Colbeck Mews it was a dilapidated, double fronted house with living accommodation at ground and first floors only. After extensive negotiations with Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and following the end of the moratorium on basement construction within the borough, planning permission was secured for the creation of 2 separate houses with accommodation over 5 floors. Photographs courtesy of 'Chestertons' Chelsea.



350 houses near Brackley, Northamptonshire



300 flats in London - including 3D modelling



Housing and flat layouts



Various feasibility studies & land appraisals

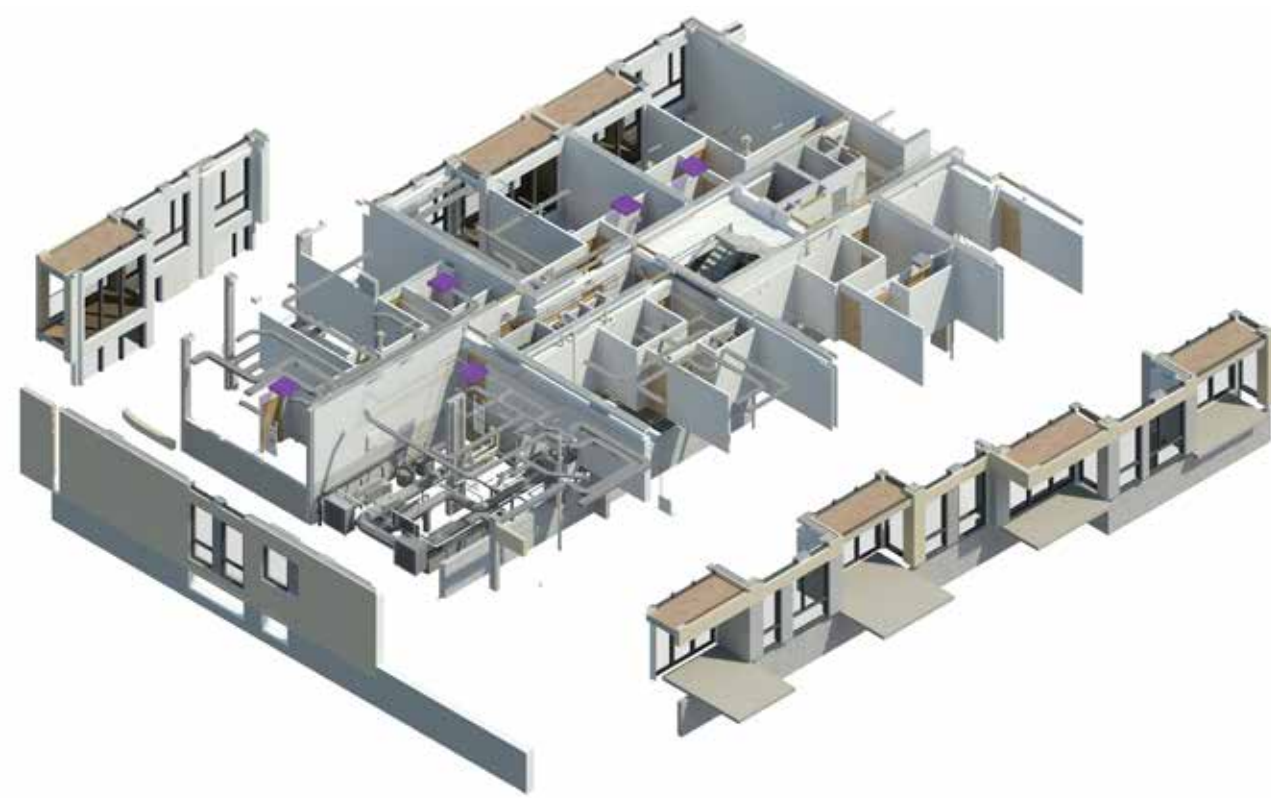
Hester Architects Ltd. have a long and successful history of maximising the value of proposed sites through our experienced methods of feasibility and appraisal.

We always use our assessment knowledge and skills to match the clients needs with the opportunities of each site to deliver schemes that catch the imagination and win local approval.

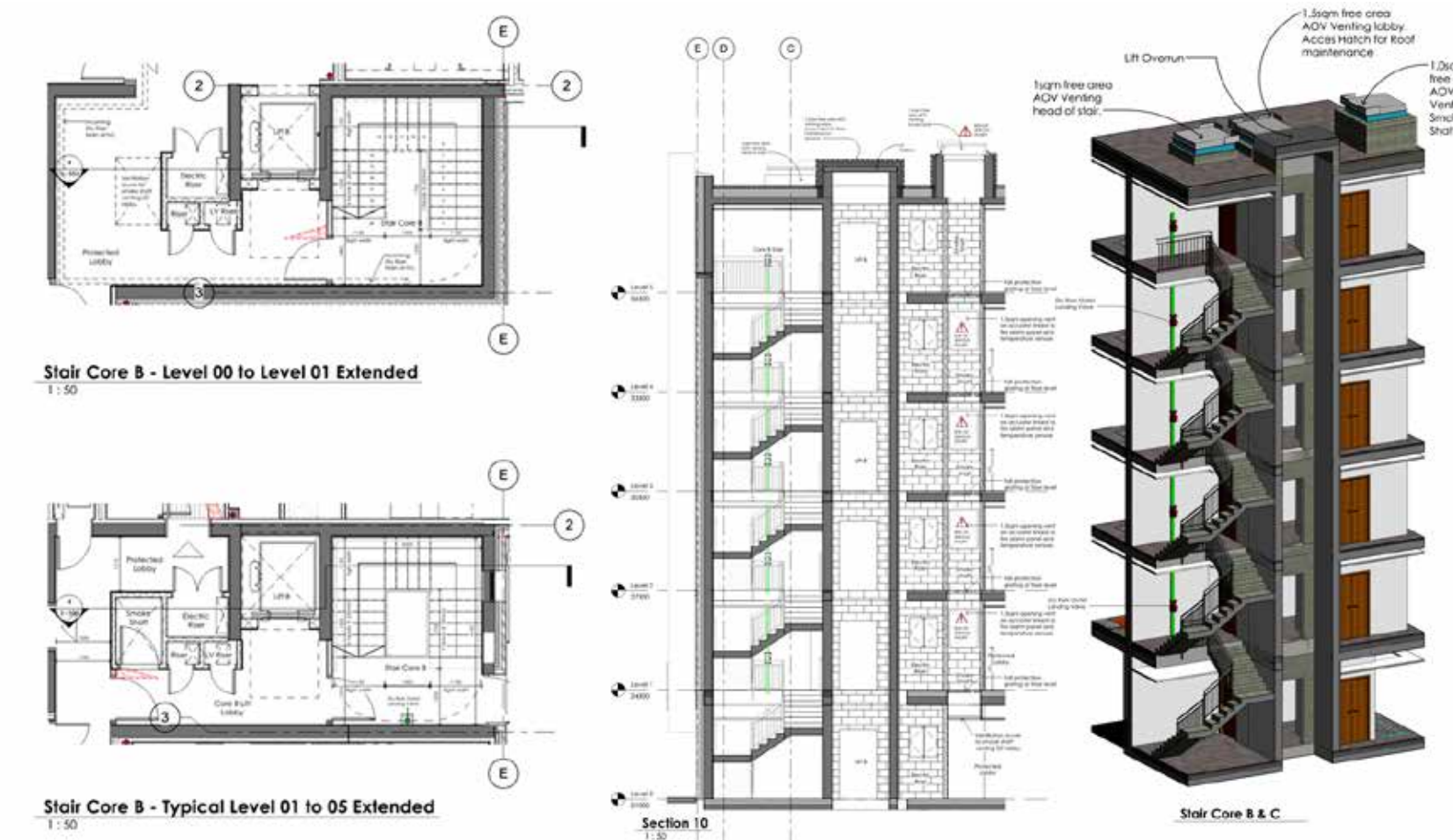
BIM & Technical Design

Hester Architects Ltd. pride ourselves on the quality of the technical design we offer. We use the latest BIM software to its full advantage to produce accurately coordinated and fully detailed working drawing packages. Our dedicated team of MCIAT qualified technologists have many years of experience particularly in the residential sector and their knowledge of building construction, detailing and the many different regulatory requirements is second to none. We have many repeat clients on both the developer and the contracting sides who value our working drawing service.

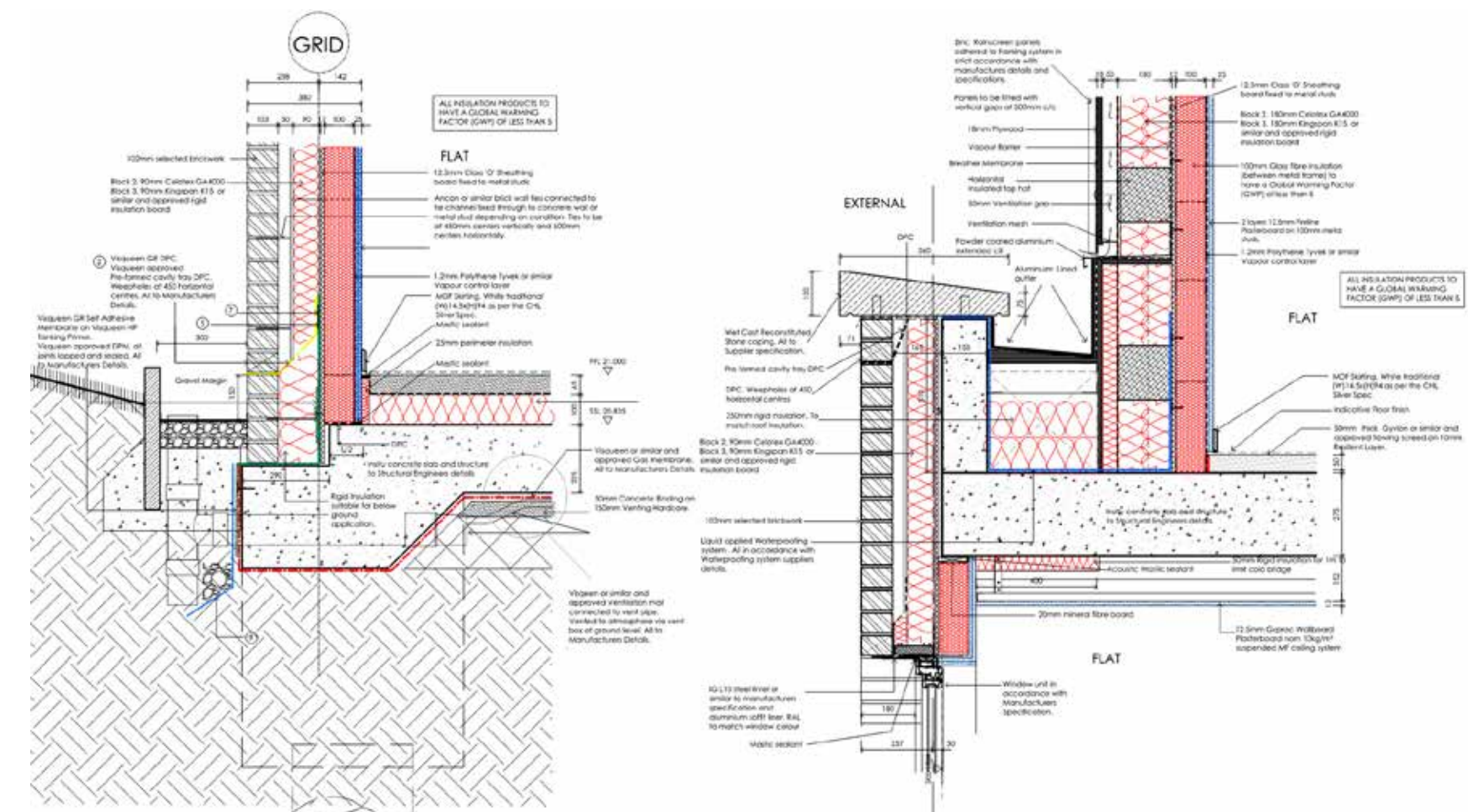
3D mechanical drawing



Typical plan, section & 3D



Typical detail



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Hester Architect's Head office is located in Drayton St Leonard on the outskirts of Oxford near Wallingford, with a second office in Uxbridge, West London.

The Chairman Malcolm Hester, and Joint Managing Directors Paul Burman and Phillip Trueman, are backed up by a dedicated team of talented technical staff and a wide range of specialist partners. Diane Adams, our Finance Director, is responsible for the financial administration and the day to day management of the Company.

SELECTED CLIENTS INCLUDE



Catalyst

Bellway

REDROW



Galliard
Homes



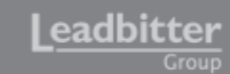
WILLMOTT DIXON



Mansell



CALA
HOMES



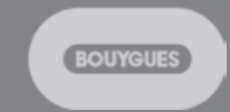
Leadbitter
Group



NORDIC
CONSTRUCTION



George Wimpey



BOUYGUES



Simon Scott
HOMES



citygrove

ACCREDITATIONS

