Knoll House, Ingram Crescent West BH2023/00912



Application Description

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 Demolition of existing two storey building previously in use as a care home. Construction of part three, part four storey building providing 28no. apartments for residents with varying levels of care requirements as well as staff areas, communal facilities and ancillary works. External works to form new turning head, additional car parking spaces and landscaped gardens.



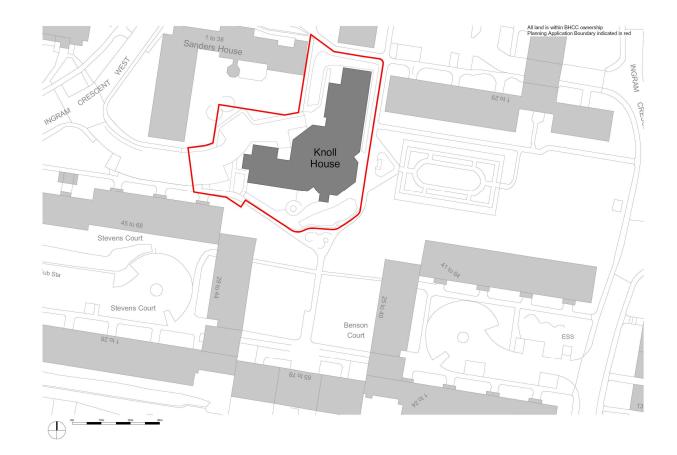
Existing Location Plan



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Existing Block Plan



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Aerial photo(s) of site





3D Aerial photo of site (from south)





Photo of front (NW) elevation





Photo of front, including Jordan Court and Sanders House





Photo of rear (east) elevation and Jordan Court beyond





Photo of south side and rear elevations





Photo of south elevation (to right) and adjacent hedges



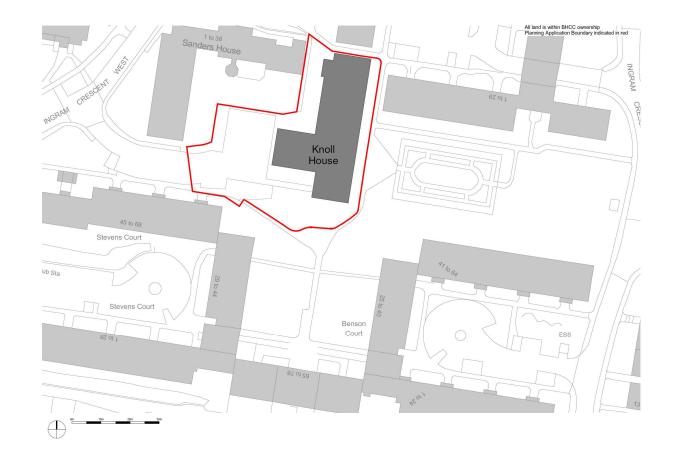


Photo of north side elevation and existing pedestrian path





Proposed Block Plan





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Split of uses/Number of units

- 28 supported living flats for occupants with brain injuries and physical disabilities.
- All units would be affordable housing (Council rent).
 - Staff and communal areas would also be accommodated within the building.



Existing Front (north-western) Elevation





Proposed Front (NW) Elevation



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Existing Rear (southeastern)Elevation





Proposed Rear (SE) Elevation



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Existing Side (North) Elevation





Proposed Side (North) Elevation





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Existing Side (South) Elevation





Proposed Side (South) Elevation





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Proposed Visual (front elevation and entranceway)



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Proposed Visual (looking towards rear elevation)



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Proposed ground floor plan





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Proposed first floor plan





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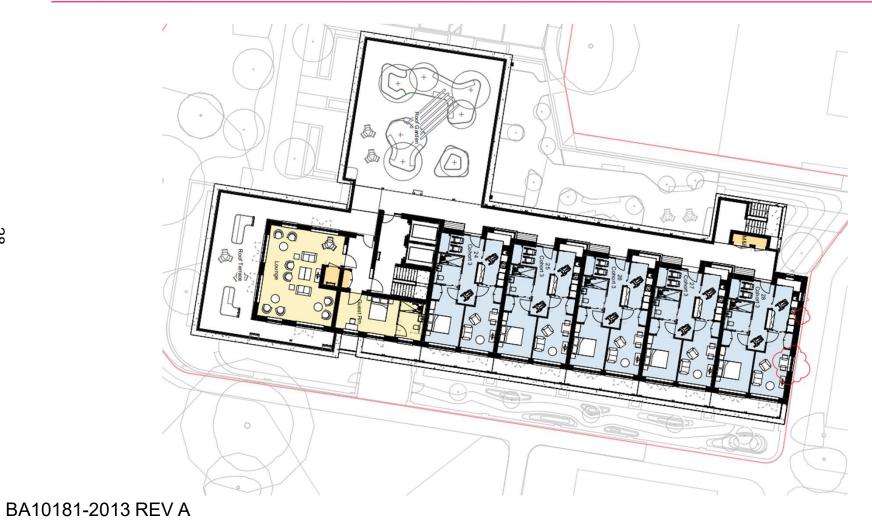
Proposed second floor plan



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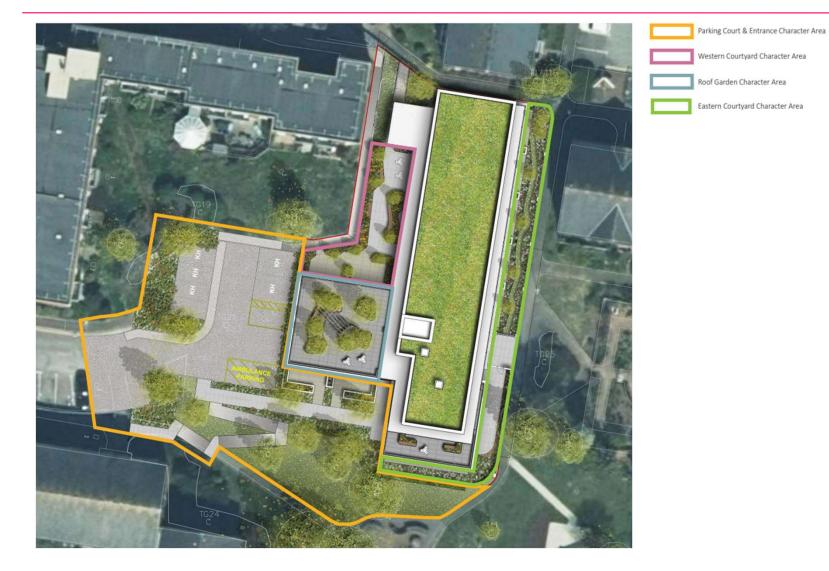
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Proposed third floor plan





Proposed Visual (aerial- including landscaping and vehicle parking)





Proposed landscaping (car park and entrance)



Ambulance parking bay.
Marked disabled bay.
Unmarked disabled bays.
Standard parking bays for Knoll House.
Ambulance parking.
Native and non-native climate change resilient planting.
1.2m High native hedgerow.
Raised brick planter.
Accessible ramped access to existing Portland Road access and Stevens Court.
Ramped access to Sanders Court.
Species rich grassland with log piles and insect hotels.
Retained tree.
Proposed tree.



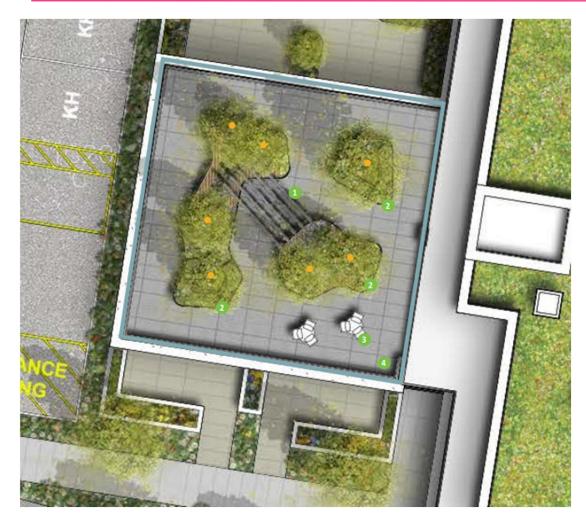
Proposed landscaping (western courtyard)



1	Access to courtyard.
2	Contrasting paving to demarcate private outdoor area.
3	Climbing plants.
4	Retaining wall with steel flat bar railing top and plant climbing wire.
5	Modular steel raised planters with integrated seating including back rests with sensory shade tolerant planting.
6	Flexible outdoor furniture to encourage socialising and outdoor interaction.
0	Enclosed seating space to allow for both quiet reflection and socialising.
8	Potential to incorporate a water butt.
•	Retained trees.
٠	Proposed trees.



Proposed landscaping (roof garden)



Pergola structure.
Modular steel raised planters with integrated seating including back rests with sensory full sun tolerant planting. Sections left unplanted for residents to grow their own vegetables or flowers.
Flexible outdoor furniture to encourage socialising and outdoor interaction.
Potential to incorporate a water butt.
Green sedum roof.
Proposed trees.



Proposed landscaping (eastern courtyard)



1	Low level mounding.
2	Retaining/boundary wall with climbing plants and flat bar railing top.
3	Geo-reinforced green access path to plant room.
4	Access.
5	Timber bench surrounded by planting.
6	Woodland themed shade tolerant planting.
0	Patio terrace
•	Proposed tree



Representations

One letter of representation has been received <u>commenting</u> on the proposed development as follows:

- The proposal to create accommodation for a vulnerable group is a fantastic initiative.
- It is important that the facility has adequate support staff who are trained to deal with challenging behaviours.



Key Considerations

- Principle of development;
- Design and appearance;
- Impact on amenity;
- Transport;
- Sustainability;
- Drainage;
- Ecology.



Conclusion and Planning Balance

- Loss of carehome acceptable as not fit for purpose;
- Development would provide 28 affordable flats for disabled occupants, meeting an identified need;
- Building of acceptable design and character;
- Some loss of spaciousness of site by positioning of the building to north;
- Landscaping beneficial subject to further details and tree protection, and would deliver biodiversity net gain;
- No significant harm to neighbouring amenity, transport network, archaeology or water environment;
- The building would be constructed such that it would be efficient in the use of energy and water.
- Overall, the harm identified by the positioning of the northern elevation is considered outweighed by the benefits of providing 28 affordable flats for a demographic where there is an identified lack of suitable accommodation.
- The application is recommended for Approval