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Introduction

The proposed scheme is a 57 apartment scheme with a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bed units. There are 12 x1 bed units, 33x 2 bed units and 12 x 3 bed units. Access to all the apartments is possible from lifts. 10 % of the apartments are wheelchair accessible.

These are accommodated in two new buildings, each is 4 storeys high, on the Western and Eastern edge of the site.

The design of the residential units meets the client brief for housing which meets the affordable housing policy dated June 2011. This relates specifically to the size of the unit and the layout and amenity, such as balconies. The long term adaptability of the scheme is satisfied through the standards for lifetime homes.

It is proposed at this concept design stage that these buildings are made of brick with individual balconies for each apartment. The building is designed to code level 4, in line with the brownfield status of the site, and aspires to the One Planet Living standards.



Aerial view of the site from the South



view looking North from within the site



View from South of the site on Whitehawk road

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Massing in context

The pair of buildings are both 4 storeys high, entrances to both buildings are from the central landscaped amenity space giving it activity and purpose. The buildings are located to enjoy West and East light.

Vehicular access to the site is at the Northern edge of the site in the natural break between the building on the West and the neighbouring properties.

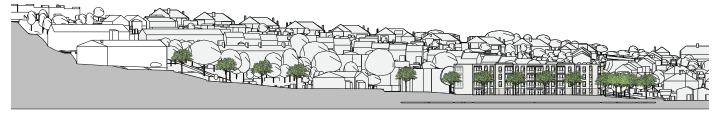
The larger building sits on Whitehawk Road, set back from the pavement edge, with a landscape buffer zone providing private amenity space for each apartment at ground floor.

The smaller building on the Eastern edge of the site accommodates the considerable rise in levels along Findon Road with undercroft parking at the lower ground level.

The Southern ends of the buildings are chamfered forming 'noses' to the buildings which can be seen from the street. The proposal occupies a prominent site within Whitehawk and it is the intention that the ends of the building have a positive impact as they signal regeneration for the area.



view of the scheme in context



West elevation of Whitehawk Road in context

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View from the South



Site plan indicating a typical upper floor plan



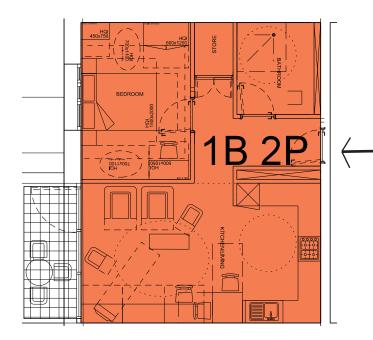
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Internal design of typical apartments

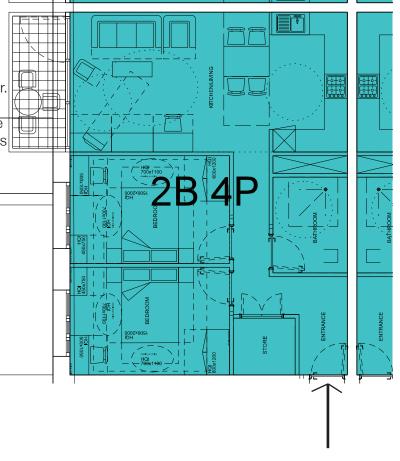
1 bed apartment

- The 1bed flats have shared kitchen dining facilities which have direct access onto a projecting balcony.
- The entrance to the flat is central to the layout. A services riser is located by the front door.



2 bed apartment

- The 2 bed 4person unit has 2 double bedrooms accessed off a central corridor.
- An extended kitchen / dining living space is located at the end of the flat and opens out into a projecting balcony.
- Corner units enjoy dual aspect layout.

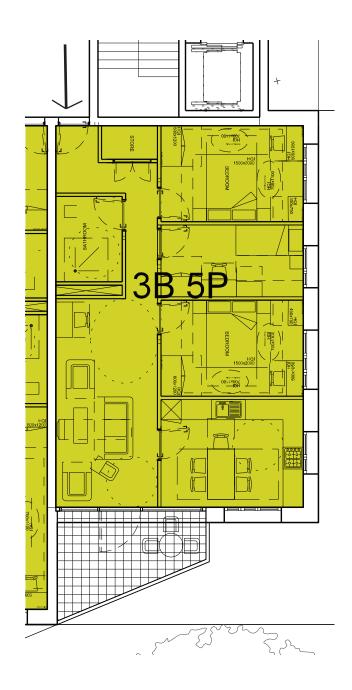


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3 bed apartment

- The 3 bed units are for 5 people and are located on the corner of the building.
- The kitchen / dining and living are in 2 separate rooms which have access onto the balcony at the southern tip of the building.



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