

Apartment building
Palmers Garages, Islington 2014
Competition entry

4 single bedroom apartments with 2 double bedroom apartments. Conceived as a free-standing urban villa in London brick located toward the Brookside Rd / North end of the site forming a shared garden to the south - the large tree is retained. The position on the site does not impose on the flats to the east or the pub garden to the west. A shared front hall at ground floor level leads to a top-lit stairhall space. Back door access to a small open yard for recycling, and bike storage with gated access to Brookside Rd. The apartments all have living rooms that face south and overlook the garden. Room size are practical, generous and the ceiling height is shown at 2700mm. Services are stacked logically and care has been taken to avoid complex junctions and details. The density could be reasonably increased by the addition of a further storeys but cost viability would need to be tested with regard to fire escape and provision of a lift.

The building is a modernist cube with references to Corb's Maison Jaoul and Stirling & Gowan at Ham Common. The environmental strategy incorporating mass, good insulation levels, airtightness, solar gain and efficient plant. Opportunities exist to reduce rainwater run-off and to recycle rainwater.



