

04 | REFERENCE PROJECTS

ARUS MHUIRE, CORK

This project is located in Blackrock, a mature residential suburb to the south east of Cork City Centre. It entails the provision of a sheltered housing scheme for elderly people.

Housing where all accommodation is at entrance level and thus easily accessible is the most suitable type for many elderly occupants, whose mobility may be impaired to varying degrees. This idea becomes a generator for the design scheme.

All of the units within the development are accessed off a communal courtyard/garden. This shared space has a single entrance for both pedestrians and vehicles, in order to promote a feeling of security and sense of community. A low building height along the western boundary means that the courtyard receives as much afternoon sun as possible. This, combined with seating at dwelling entrances and first floor balconies contribute to the character and distinctiveness of the scheme, whilst simultaneously encouraging opportunities for social interaction.



PELLETSTOWN

This proposal continues the development of the lands at Pelletstown, while addressing the demand for affordable family housing, and acknowledging the constraints of the Action Area Plan, particularly in respect of density.

It seeks to intensify the conventional suburban housing model and looks to successful and enduring historical precedents in red-brick Dublin. It is well located and benefits from significant Dublin amenities such as the Phoenix Park, Tolka Valley Park, the Royal Canal.

The new Crescent Park and canalside boulevard that have been delivered as part of the early phases of Pelletstown enhance the neighbourhood amenities, providing play areas and walking/cycling routes. In addition, there are existing sports fields to the south of the Canal.

The scheme is that of a dense and tightly formed residential quarter, influenced by the enduring success of traditional Dublin neighbourhoods such as Portobello and Blessington Street Basin. The traditional urban components such as street, lane and courtyard, are carved out of a solid urban block, reinforcing the solidity of the buildings and the containment of the spaces within. Pedestrian connections are made from within the block to spaces in the adjoining areas.



SOMERTON, ADAMSTOWN, DUBLIN

Somerton Village is located on the north east of Adamstown. Architecturally, it combines the designs from earlier phases, to provide larger family homes to allow existing residents to trade up, and to attract new families.

A crescent of houses provides strong frontage onto the Newcastle Road, effectively announcing the northern edge of Adamstown. A pair of contemporary gate lodges, based on significant historic architectural buildings within Lucan Village, are located around a mature oak tree at the entrance to Somerton, demarcating the northern entrance to Adamstown.

Streets in the scheme are organised to take full advantage of the mature belt of trees that surround Somerton House, a protected structure – the main spine route through the scheme runs alongside the trees, which also provide a visual focus at the end of the shared surface streets.



BRIGHTON WOOD, FOXROCK, DUBLIN

This proposal seeks to find a balance between developing the site at a sustainable density, while retaining its' sylvan character and respecting the pattern and character of development in the area.

This 5.17 hectare site is partially located within the designated Foxrock Architectural Conservation Area, and is neighboured by the vast expanse of Leopardstown Race Course.

The larger detached dwellings within the proposed scheme line the winding avenue into the site, and mark the start of a transition from the lower densities on Brighton Road to a medium density within the body of the site. The clustering of houses between the existing trees minimizes the impact of the building footprints on the site, without compromising the sylvan character of the lands, creating a beautiful housing development within a wooded landscape.



URBAN REGENERATION, GOREY

PAUL KEOGH ARCHITECTS

This project repairs the urban fabric of Gorey, with the insertion of a sheltered housing scheme into the backlands of the town.

Located within the town centre, close to shops and other local amenities, the focus of the project is an attractive communal courtyard for residents, which is overlooked by the housing scheme.

The scale and architectural language of the scheme are in keeping with its context, the simple palette of materials reflecting the traditional streetscapes of the town, in a contemporary manner.



