

Lady Martin Drive, Woodhouse Eaves



Key Facts:

Client: Willmark Homes

Completed: December 2016

Contract Value: 8 Million

Lady Martin Drive is a residential development in the heart of the Charnwood Forest and replaces the site of the former Zachery Merton Hospital and laterally residential care home.

The then owners of the site engaged Corporate Architecture to formulate a scheme for a new residential care facility. Despite the creation of a variety of schemes and the existing use for the site the Local Authority resisted the redevelopment as a care village.

Following this impasse the owners decided to seek approval for a residential scheme with a very steep topography, extensive existing tree coverage and a substandard access. We created a residential scheme for initially six dwellings with an access road weaving around the trees the housing style was in the local vernacular and was well received by Charnwood Borough Council. However, the Arboricultural restrictions together with an initial insistence of having the necessary affordable contribution on site meant the Planning Process dragged on for over two years.

Corporate Architecture persevered and worked with Charnwood Borough Council to develop a residential scheme on the spectacular site within one of the most picturesque areas of Leicestershire.

The revised site with Planning Consent was purchased by developer Willmark Homes who retained the involvement of Corporate Architecture Ltd.

The scheme comprised of individual house types in a local vernacular style each overcoming the individual plot issues of trees, topography etc. the mix of homes was one five bedroomed house seven six bedroomed and plot 5 being a six bedroom development.



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