

CASE STUDY

Husum Way Kidderminster 48No Residential



Watkiss Dawson & Ward are working with Living Space Housing Ltd , to support a full planning application for a new 100% affordable residential development of 48 dwellings on land totalling 2.1hectare site (5.2 acres gross) at Husum Way Kidderminster.

The site which comprises agricultural fields lies to the urban fringe of Kidderminster and is currently part of the West Midland Green Belt. The site relates to draft allocation under policy 32.1 (OC/5) of the emerging Wyre Forest Local Plan (2016-2036), which seeks to release the land from Green Belt and is identified as suitable for residential development.

The development will deliver a mix of housing in line with the local policy ranging from 1-4 bedrooms. The site has been developed to provide an in formal layout predominantly in semi-detached blocks so as to create the feeling of a low density semi-rural scheme. It achieves a net density of 37.7 dwelling per hectare.

The development includes 40% of the site for new public open space/ green space infrastructure at 0.84 hectares located around the perimeter of the site to provide a buffer to the rail line and to the north of the site so as to maintain open views towards the Locally listed buildings.

This will provide the site with biodiversity enhancements and recreational footpaths / cycle routes. The open space forms a focal point for residents and provides a green corridor to connect open space visually and provides an area for sustainable drainage (SUD's) and for ecological enhancement and mitigation.

Key Architecture elements from adjacent locally listed buildings such as steep roof-scape, gables, bays and window treatments and local materials define the principles of the proposed development. The design of the dwellings has been prepared to achieve a very high degree of long-term sustainability and energy efficiency including a fully sustainable drainage system.