Parry Court, Haig Housing Trust, Morden Estate

London Borough of Merton, SM4

Haines Phillips Architects have a long standing relationship with the Haig Housing Trust, having carried out a number of projects on their Morden estate. Haig Housing Trust is a charitable organization established in 1929 to provide for the housing needs of the ex-service community.

The Parry Court project is a development of 8 affordable one bedroom transitional dwellings designed for single ex-service personnel recently discharged from the Armed Services. The site formerly contained a vacant house and café and is bounded to the south west by a Grade II listed Parish Hall. The proposed layout takes the form of an open courtyard, similar, although at a much more modest scale, to existing courtyards within the estate. The common garden area in the courtyard functions as shared amenity space for the residents of the new homes and other residents on the estate.

The new building was carefully designed to tie in with the existing boundary wall conditions and follow the predominant language of details and materials in the existing and surrounding buildings in order to sit comfortably in its location. The homes themselves were designed for the specific requirements of the single ex-service personnel who will be allocated the houses, to assist them in adjusting to independent living, effectively as short term 'move on' accommodation. The houses are modest in scale and are built to the standards and budget constraints of the Haig Housing Trust.

Planning was achieved on appeal in January 2014 and the project was completed in December 2017, being officially opened by Lieutenant General Richard Nugee, the Chief of Defence People.

The development was was shortlisted in the 2018 Inside Housing Development awards in the category of 'Best Build for Rent Development'.

Client: Haig Housing Trust

Main Contractor: Collier Contracts

Planning Consultants: Bell Cornwell

Heritage Consultant: <u>David Lewis Associates</u>



Structural Engineer: Gemma Design Ltd

Sustainability Consultant: Falcon Energy

Contract Value: Approximately £1.1m

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