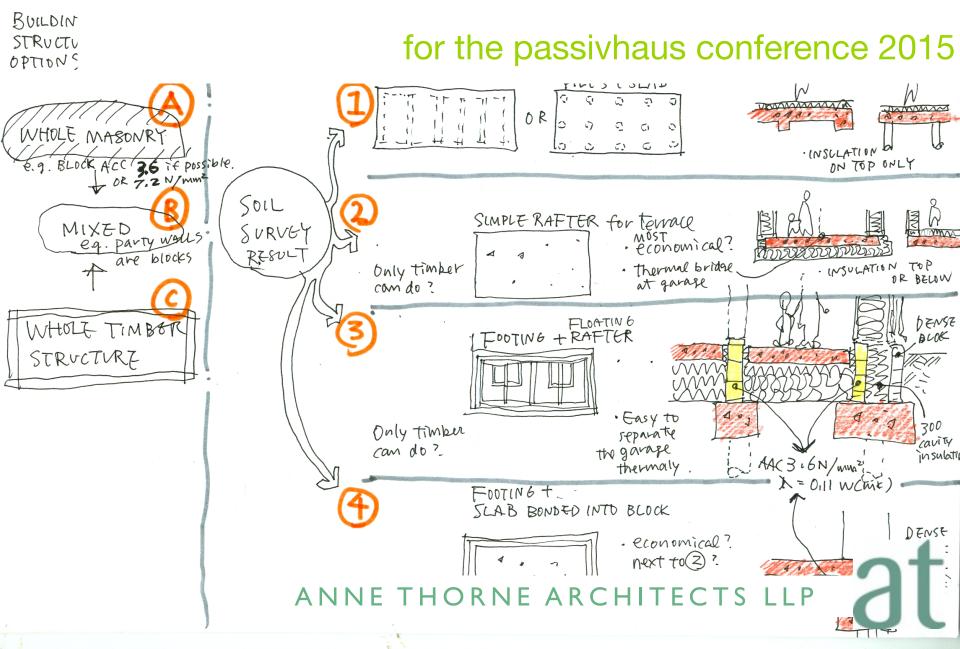
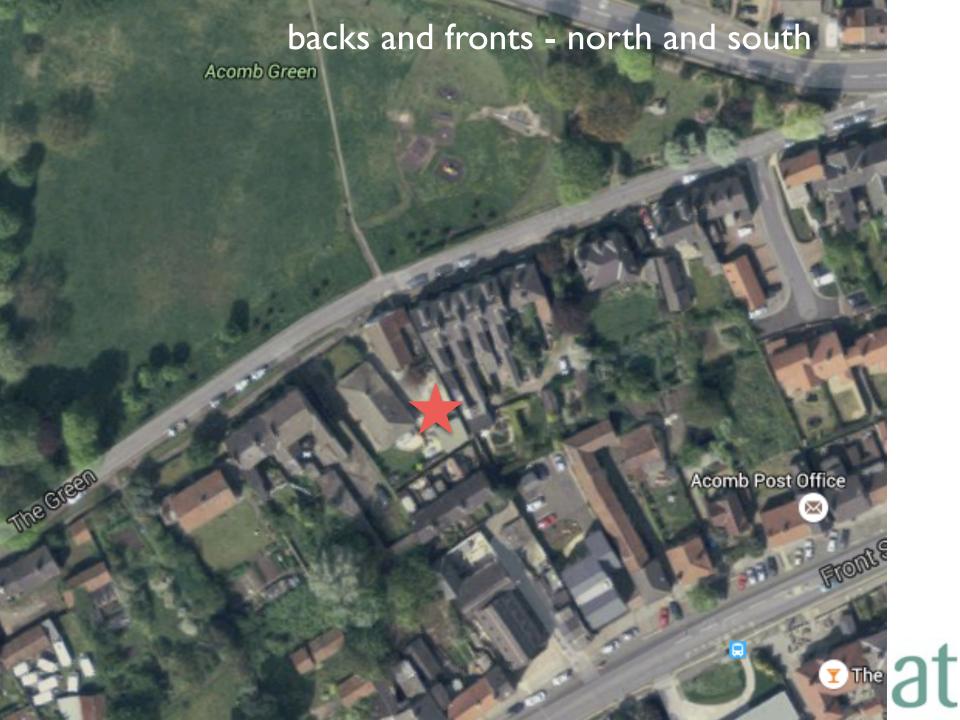
design challenges & system choices



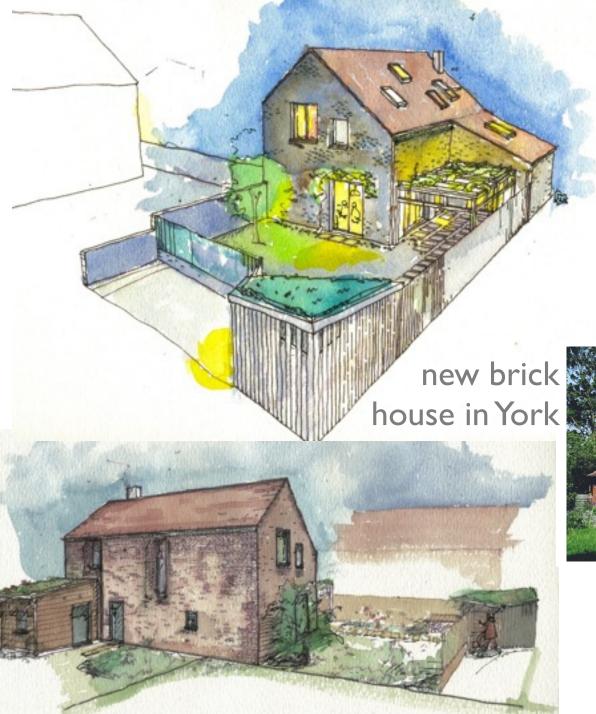












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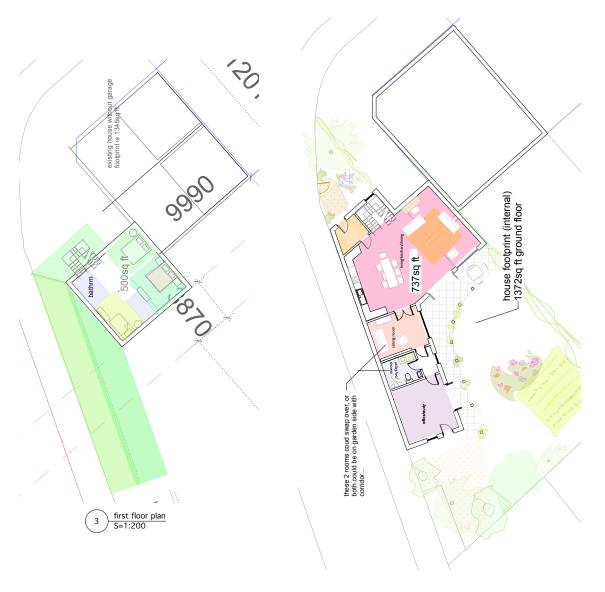






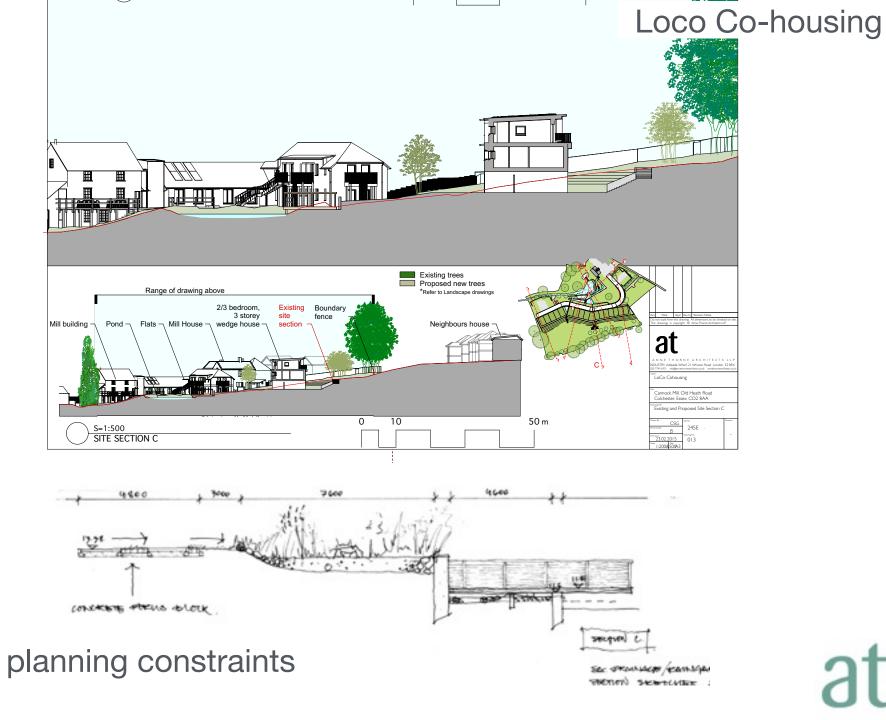












Loco Co-housing

trouble with cars: planning constraints

Planners want 56 car parking spaces i.e. 2.25 per household. What can we do?

Make 11 houses with integrated garages and glass doors. With 23 households in the cohousing community we plan to have 8 dedicated car share vehicles, which will have 8 dedicated spaces.

All except one household won't use their garage for a car......

"We have discussed current car ownership costs amongst our members and calculated that these vary between £3,500 and £10,000, a year. If we take a very conservative average of £5,000 per household this gives a current expenditure across 23 units of £115,000. We anticipate that our car sharing scheme will reduce these costs by 50% while giving access to a wider range and better maintained vehicles."





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Stirling Prize shortlisting

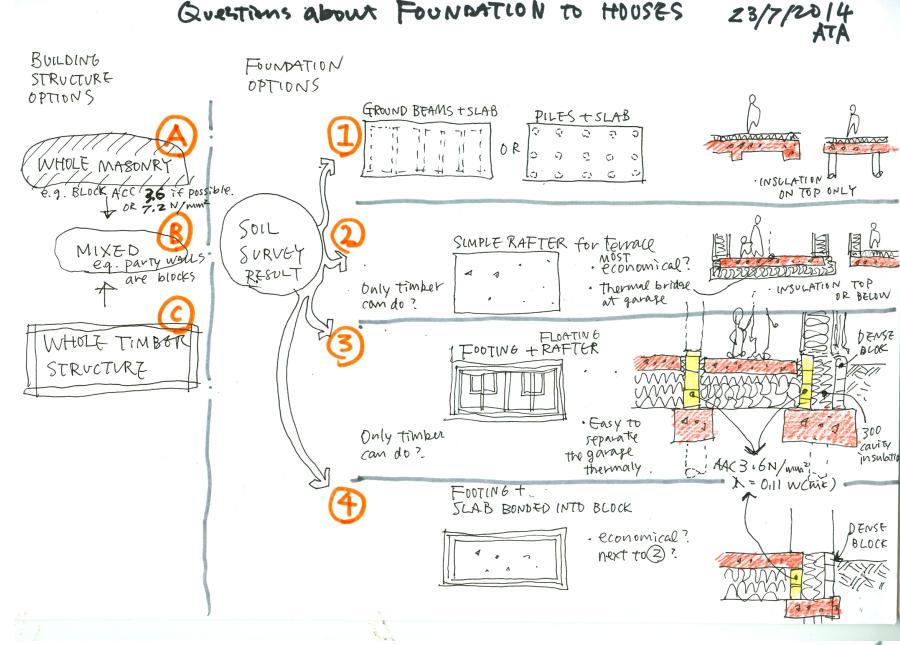
Our project at John Fisher Street (Darbishire Place) for the Peabod Stirling Prize. The awards report provides the following description.

This is a brilliant piece of urban design. The dignified new building, w replaces a well detailed and proportioned Peabody mansion block tak along with another block whose footprint now provides a garden courtyard still graced by the remaining three Edwardian blocks.

A casual comparison of the old and new elevations reveals the subtle materials and form means that the new building complements its n represents a re-invention of the deep reveal; the use of slightly proje and balconies gives an unusual depth to the modelling of the facades the building on the south side slides out of the square and forms a leads one into the scheme, provides a further level of interest and arch

Internally the plan naturally invites you to use the stair - and what dollars, like stars on an ocean liner, all graceful curves, an elegant sy





Questions about FOUNDATION to HOUSES

system choices



prefabricated timber frame





At Boatemah Walk and at Angela Carter Close, prefabrication reduced time on site, building site nuisance to residents, site waste and CO2 emissions.



new build uses the PH15 passivhaus system

PH I5 PASSIVHAUS SYSTEM

All the Passivhaus specific elements (timber frame, windows, MVHR, tapes etc.) are supplied by the Passivhaus Store ensuring informed technical support on site. We also deliver initial contractor training for the system.

PROJECT OVERVIEW
Annual heat demand: <15.0 kW/m².a
Heating load: <10.5 W/m²
Airtightness: <0.6ach
TFA: 97m²+ Form factor: variable
Cost: From £1000/m² gross.

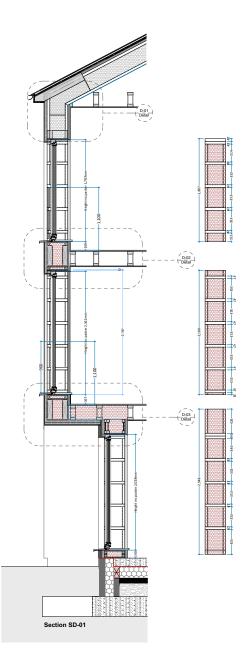
A certifiable self build system kit aimed at CLTs and other self build projects to provide an affordable Passivhaus.

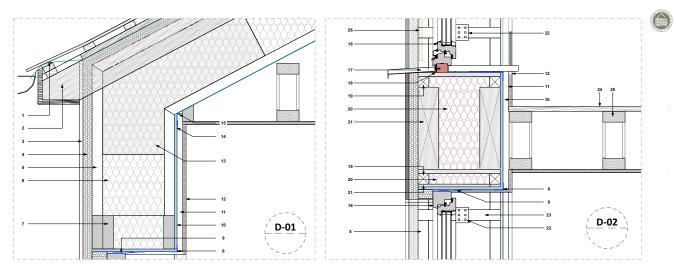












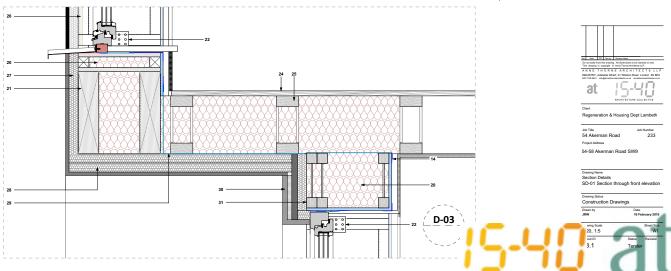
- Solitex Plus membrane [15] fitted over woodfibre insulation boards.
- 147 x 47 sawn treated timber 'dummy' rafter screwed to flange of I-joist.
- Lime Green external render system [23]. Follow Lime Green guide lines for application.
- 40mm Steico Protect insulation board [8]
- Passivhaus Homes PH15 timber frame kit. Thermofloc [14] blown in cellulose insulation by qualified installer.
- 147 x 47 C16 timber lintels, 2 on outer leaf and 1 on inner leaf.
- All joints in the airtightnes layer to be taped with Tescon Vana [18].
- Pro Clima DA-S tape [21] to be stapled to perimeter of all windows, with a 7mm 'ear' formed at each corner and sealed with a combination of Tescon
- Vana [18] and Orcon F adhesive [17]. Spanotech Durelis Vapour Block [13] - airtightness, vapour control and racking layer combined fixed in accordance with engineer's specification.
- 25mm counter battens to form service void.

- 12 12.5mm plasterboard.
- 13 Plywood connection plates - part of the PH15 kit [36]
- Tescon Vana [18] tape between Intello Plus membrane [16] and Spanotech 14 board [13].
- Form 20mm 'ear' in the Intello membrane to allow for differential movement.
- 16 Katbeck 'Massiva' triple glazed window - part of the PH15 kit [36].
- Katzbeck aluminium cill.
- Pro Clima Extoseal Encors [22].
- Wall head section part of the PH15 kit [36].
- During construction insulate inaccessible areas by fully filling with Thermafleece Cosywool [12]
- 10mm packer above windows.
- Window fixing plate windows to be fixed at each vertical fixing point and at
- head and cill.

- 47 x 47 sawn timber.
- 22mm EGGER Protect P5 particle board flooring fixed in accordance with 24 manufacturer's specification.
- 254 x 97 Eco-joists part of the PH15 kit [36].

ARCHITECTURE COLLECTIVE

- Toughened glass balastade fixed with stainless steel brackets.
- Fix woodfibre insulation with 60mm diameter insulated fixing washer [11] and flange head screw long enough to give a minimum fixing depth of 35mm in studs.
- Fix 2 x 40mm layers of Steico Protect board [8] to soffits
- Intello Plus membrane [16] forming airtightness layer at 1st floor overhang taped to Spanotech boards [13]. Ensure that correct sequencing allows for the insulation of all inaccessible voids using Thermafleece Cosywool [12]
 - QUICKBRICK SYSTEM [35] with Ibstock Funtons Orchard Mix brick slips system to Quickbrick standard timber frame details.
- 240mm I-joist lintels particular attention should be paid to ensure the void between pairs of lintels is insulated.





Our Island Home

Construction

The design seeks to reduce construction time on site with the use of pre-made cross laminated timber panels, externally clad with sheet metal and natural Scottish larch. A mix of cladding materials breaks the buildings down visually and adds interest to the site whilst responding to the existing vernacular palette. All of the materials used are recyclable. As our office is located in Tobermory on the Isle of Mull, we are in a unique position to maintain a high level of close site supervision in order to ensure a smooth delivery of an innovative form of construction for the prototype site at Dervaig

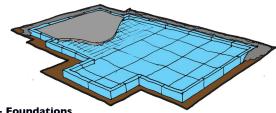
I - Groundworks

Time: I wk

Total time: I wk

The site is excavated and made level to within a set tolerance with a well compacted blinding layer.



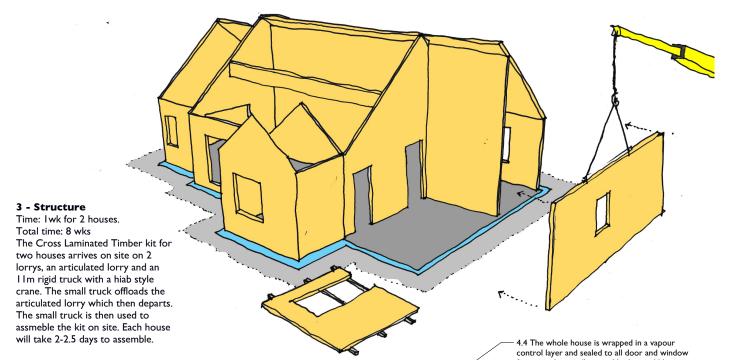


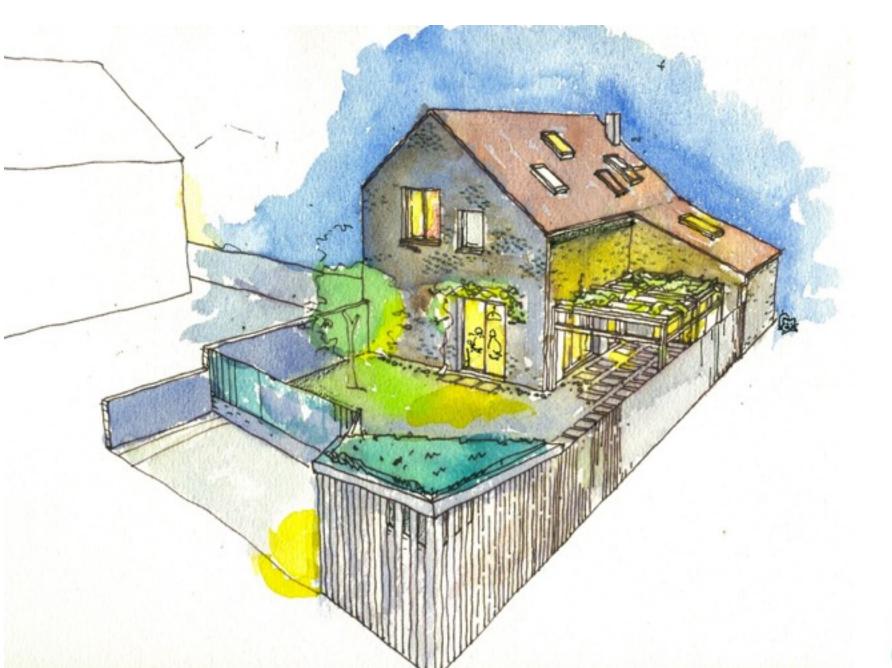
2 - Foundations

Time: 6 wk

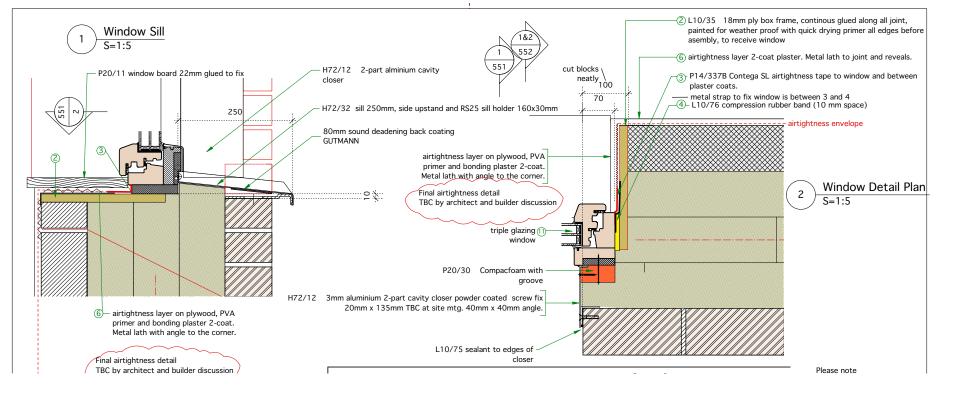
Total time: 7 wk

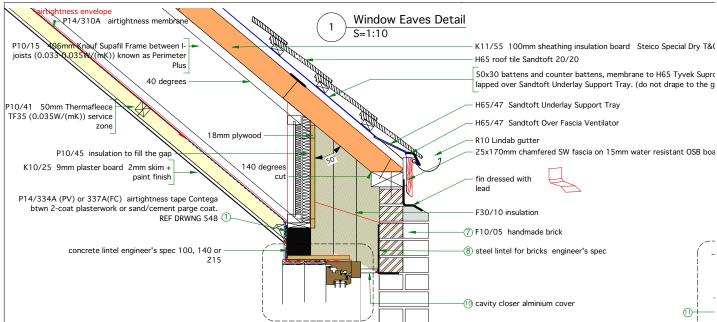
The under slab insulation arrives as a prefabricated kit and slots together on site to form the setting out for the house. Once the parts are located correctly, the battered edge of the excavation is backfilled level with the top of the upstand. This secures the insulation in position and allows it to be used as permanent formwork for casting the concrete slab. The concrete slab then cures for 28 days. The insulation under the slab is designed around the use of a void former more usually used in substructures on large construction projects. Void formers are used in large projects to reduce loads on substructures by filling voids that would previously have been backfilled with hardcore or weak mix concrete with a lightweight but non compressible material. They compress very little under high loads. They also happen to have a pretty good U-value, are cheap and can be easily prefabricated into specialised sections. We are proposeing a kit of parts with a built in upstand which provides the formwork for casting the floor slab..





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