

Discussion Document 18 May 2021



Introduction

- Dialogue
- New ideas from EPR
- Developing those ideas
- Roadmap to finding a workable solution



Objectives

- Improved visual appearance, less box like style with more interesting and attractive elevations
- Reflect the rich mix of Victorian, Edwardian, 30s, 50s housing in the area
- Setting a local style precedent for the 21st century
- Something that will be looked up to as great quality and not derided as poor generic design
- Award winning



Two Design Options

We reviewed the two design options you presented at our last meeting

Courtyard

- High Density
- Unattractive layout
- Obscured views of park
- Looks like 70s estate
- Railway noise
- One style of housing

Finger Block

- More varied layout
- Open views to the park
- Potential sunlight issues
- Railway noise
- One style of housing
- High density

Next we looked at how those proposed could be adapted to find a more acceptable scheme

Inspiration from EPR

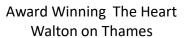




Award Winning The Forbury



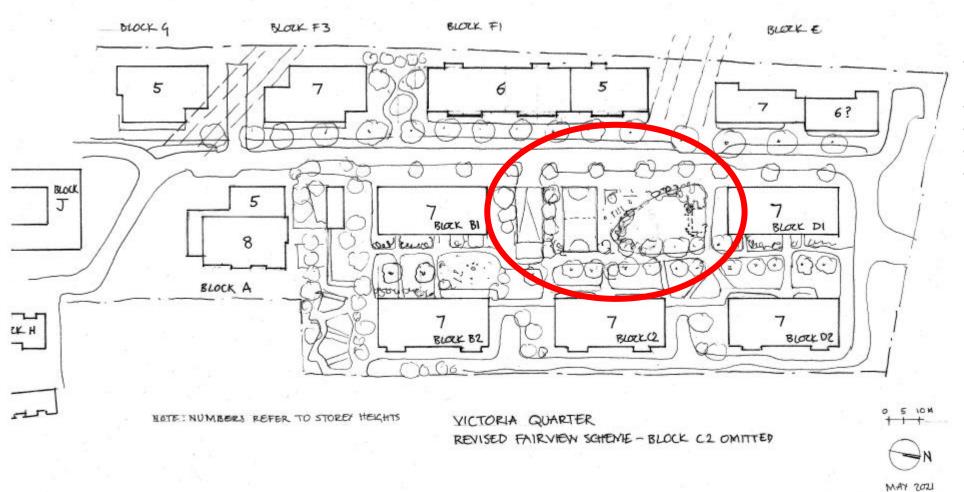








Design Alternatives - Courtyard



Scheme Limitations

- Still has unattractive block formation
- Train noise
- Lack of park views
- Community acceptability
- Lack of different housing types





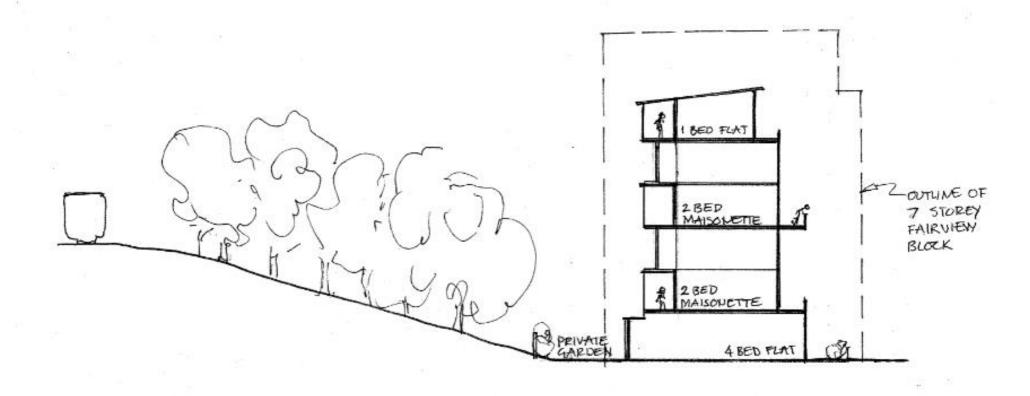
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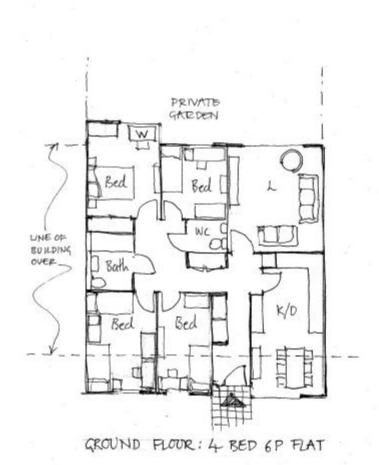
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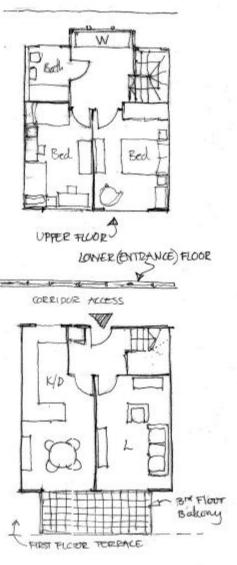


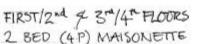


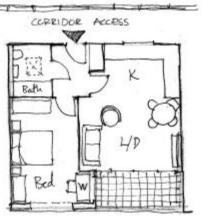
VICTORIA QUARTER SECTION THROUGH BLOCK B2.











5th FLOOR: 1 BED (2P) FLAT (BLOCK B2 ONLY)

VICTORIA QUARTER
SKETCH PLANS FOR FLATS & MAISOMETTES
BLOCKS BI, B 2 AND B 3 1:100
GEOLOWING REVISIONS, MAY 2021)

NOTES W = WORKSPACE

* THERE IS SCOPE FOR LARGER (3 BED)
MAISONETTES AT THE ENDS OF
TERRACES AND OVER ENTRANCE HALLS



Finger Block Option Benefits

- More 4 bed homes, some with private gardens
- Different housing types flats & maisonettes
- Varied design styles curved facades and setbacks
- Open views to the park better integration
- More amenity space
- Addresses railway noise
- Increases density from 2017 scheme
- Potential to create higher value properties facing the park
- Potentially more acceptable to the community
- Potentially setting the benchmark/award winning



Summary & Next Steps

We hope we have demonstrated:

- Understanding of your objectives more homes
- Willingness to identify alternative solutions
- Find a compromise that is acceptable to all stakeholders
- A desire to work with you

Next Steps

- Work up new finger block scheme
- Sell revised scheme to the community



Questions?



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