

RURAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT ELMSWELL, SUFFOLK

ASPIRATION

The Competition Sponsors are looking for the cutting edge designs that will integrate sustainable, contemporary architecture with landscape designs across the entire site.

The design teams will need to:

- § Demonstrate a clear understanding of the distinctiveness of Suffolk and interpret this distinctiveness in a contemporary way.
- § Demonstrate a sound grasp of the way buildings can be grouped to reflect the local character and landscape. They should create positive private and public spaces, to foster a sense of community and mutual respect amongst residents.
- § Embrace the potential to harness natural energies, both in the design and the service of the buildings.
- § Design feasible interiors which reflect the total needs of people living or working in a rural environment, with emphasis on 21st century living, quality of family space, natural light and efficiency of layout.
- § Integrate sustainable materials to deliver a greatly reduced carbon footprint, minimising the temptation to 'greenwash'.
- § Minimise embodied energy and running costs using carbon neutral energy sources.
- § Create a healthy living environment.
- § Harness within the site the additional surface water run-off generated by the scheme.