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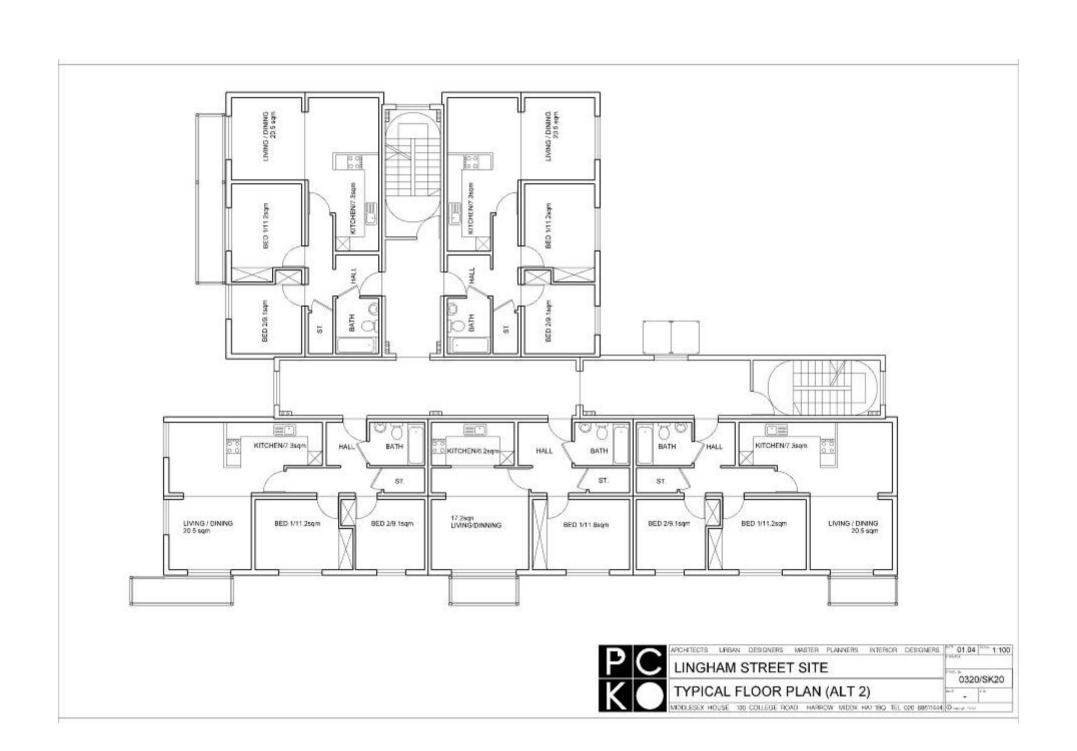












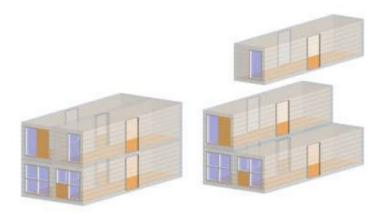


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#### Volumetric concept - Student Accommodation



Total 16 No. rooms per floor









# PCKO comes out on top in townhouse design contest

Architect's versatile solution wins David Wilson Homes' eScape competition - and will soon be built in Kent

#### by Josephine Smit

PCKO ARCHITECTS has won the David Wison Homes eScape housing design competition to create a fresh model for a townhouse.

The results were announced this week in central Landon at the Futures Home convention, which was sponsored by Building. The contest attracted nearly 660 practices. It was promoted by David Wilson Homes in association with Design for Homes and the Wood for Good campaign.

PCKO was chosen from a shortlist. of three by a panel of judges including interior designer Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen and English Partnerships strategy director Trevor

PKCO created a new model for the townhouse with its design of twoor three-storey homes all with a central atrium.

PCKO's design addressed a central problem of the conventional townhouse: the shortage of space on the ground floor, which often

necessitates part of the living space being pushed up to the first-floor.

The PCKO solution was to have the open-plan living space at ground floor extended and given added visual impact and daylight by the incorporation of a double height atrium, which it called a "light

On the first floor two bedrooms were located on either side of the "light court". A further hedrorim was sited above one of the first-floor hedrooms.

The wow-factor of the light court and the potential to create varied street scenes, by fronting roads with either two-storey or three-storey section of the house convinced the judging panel.

Townhouses tend to have more space in total, but less space perfloor," said David Birkbeck, chief executive of Design for Homes. "This design overcomes that by offering sensational spaces on the first two

Liewelyn-Bowen added: "Buyers aften criticise new homes for their



PCKO's design can create an attractive and varied streetscape and, above, the interior space where a central atrium brings in daylight

low ceilings and dark moms. Thisdesign refutes that, and offers a confermonsory remarkicism with its bower and courtyard."

David Wilson Homes has agreed to build townhouses using the winning design. Stroup development director James Wilson said that runners-up Cole Thompson and Rider Sale also impressed the judges.

The housebuilder will work with PCKD in Sittingbourne, Kent. The houses will be built using modern methods, including timber frame and roof cassette systems. The winning design demonstrates that simple elements can be put together to create exciting architecture," said Charles Trevor, managing director of Wood for Good.

# Sustainable construction: Moving construction away from the site?

# European platform:

- Close link between design, research, manufacturing, marketing
- Coordination of standards and legislation, new approval system.

- high quality
- Sophisticated design
- Fast production
- Short construction
- Minimum impact on environment
- Flexibility, demontability