

Suffolk Design **Cambridge** study tour

1. Marmalade Lane

An award-winning community-led co-housing development using a collaborative design process, and located within an existing urban extension (Orchard Park) on the northern edge of Cambridge. At the core of the development is a Common House with shared dining room, kitchen, laundry, flexible meeting spaces, guest accommodation etc.

Key details

- Total residential units: 42
- Density: 42 dw/ha (gross); 60 dw/ha (net)
- Design team: Innovative collaboration between Mole Architects, TOWN, co-housing group (Cambridge k1) and Trivselhus.
- Landowner: Cambridge City Council – sold site to enabling developer.
- Parking – located on the perimeter and as car ownership was low, parking requirements reduced to 1 space/dwelling + visitors. Cambridge k1 also manage shared cars.
- Public transport: direct access to Cambridge guided busway.



The Lane, a linear pedestrian street encourages social interaction



Transition between private and public space



Customers can customise the materials and colour of external walls



Flexible community space in Common House

2. Northwest Cambridge (Eddington)

Major new settlement comprising of high density apartments of student accommodation described by the architect as “Collegiate Urbanism”, which includes the 2018 Stirling Prize nominated Storey’s Field Centre and Eddington Nursery and located close to Madingley Wood (SSSI).

Key details

- Site size: 150 ha
- Total residential units: 3,000 (mainly for 2,000 university students and key worker housing)
- 100,000 sq m of research facilities
- Community facilities: Primary school, supermarket/retail, community centre (Storey’s Field Centre).
- Extensive cycle network
- Innovative waste collection and recycling



Stirling Prize nominated Storey’s Field (Community) Centre



Grassy swale and integrated pedestrian bridges



Large underground pits collecting waste and recycling



Mobile street food vendors bring life into the central market square

3. Trumpington Meadows

Built on the site of the former Monsanto buildings on the southern fringe of Cambridge.

Key details

- Total residential units: 1,200
- 148 ha of country park (managed by Wildlife Trust)
- Affordable housing: 40%
- Community facilities: Local centre includes a new primary school
- Trumpington Park & Ride adjacent
- Waitrose supermarket to the north
- Developer: Barratt Homes



View corridor of St Mary and St Michael church in Trumpington



Human and intimate scale of lanes



Well integrated on-street parking



Shared space junction on main spine road

4. Abode

Built on the former Clay Farm site, Abode at Great Kneighton is a key part of a major new housing and mixed-use development in South Cambridge. The design consists of a hierarchy of spaces and housing types making the transition from urban to rural edge.

Key details

- Total residential units: 308
- Density: 48 dw/ha (net)
- 120 acre country park
- Located close to Cambridge Biomedical Campus
- Developer: Countryside



Apartment marker building set within a formal and structured court



Space given over to green infrastructure in landscaped avenue



Distinctive character and detailing of structured mews



Green 'fingers' penetrating into development