

# Bourne Estate

Scheme address: Portpool Lane, EC1N

Architect: Matthew Lloyd Architects LLP

Client/Landowner: London Borough of Camden

Scheme description: Regeneration of the Grade II listed Bourne Estate to provide 75 new flats in a range of tenures, a new community/TRA hall, and improved public realm and landscaping around the existing buildings. The design was developed through ongoing conversations with the estate's residents. The priorities of Heritage England and Camden's Urban Design Officer were the setting of the listed buildings and the character of the Conservation Area. Many issues raised as desirable outcomes reflected residents' aspirations: building scale, treatment of elevations, detail and materials. Residents requested new entrance arches in the spirit of the existing and the design for access to flats centres around a contemporary interpretation of the original open air balconies. Careful detailing is inspired by the inherent qualities of the existing.

The judges' view: *Both blocks are a highly intelligent and mature response to the existing Edwardian architecture, with a generosity in the detailing of the communal entrances that is equivalent to the Edwardian spaces and will last 100 years. It is civic in a way that shows respect for the ideology of that time. Window seats in entrance halls create moments of sociability and short, wide deck access breeds community and keeps circulation open to the elements. These modern buildings enrich rather than dilute the strong existing character of the Estate.*

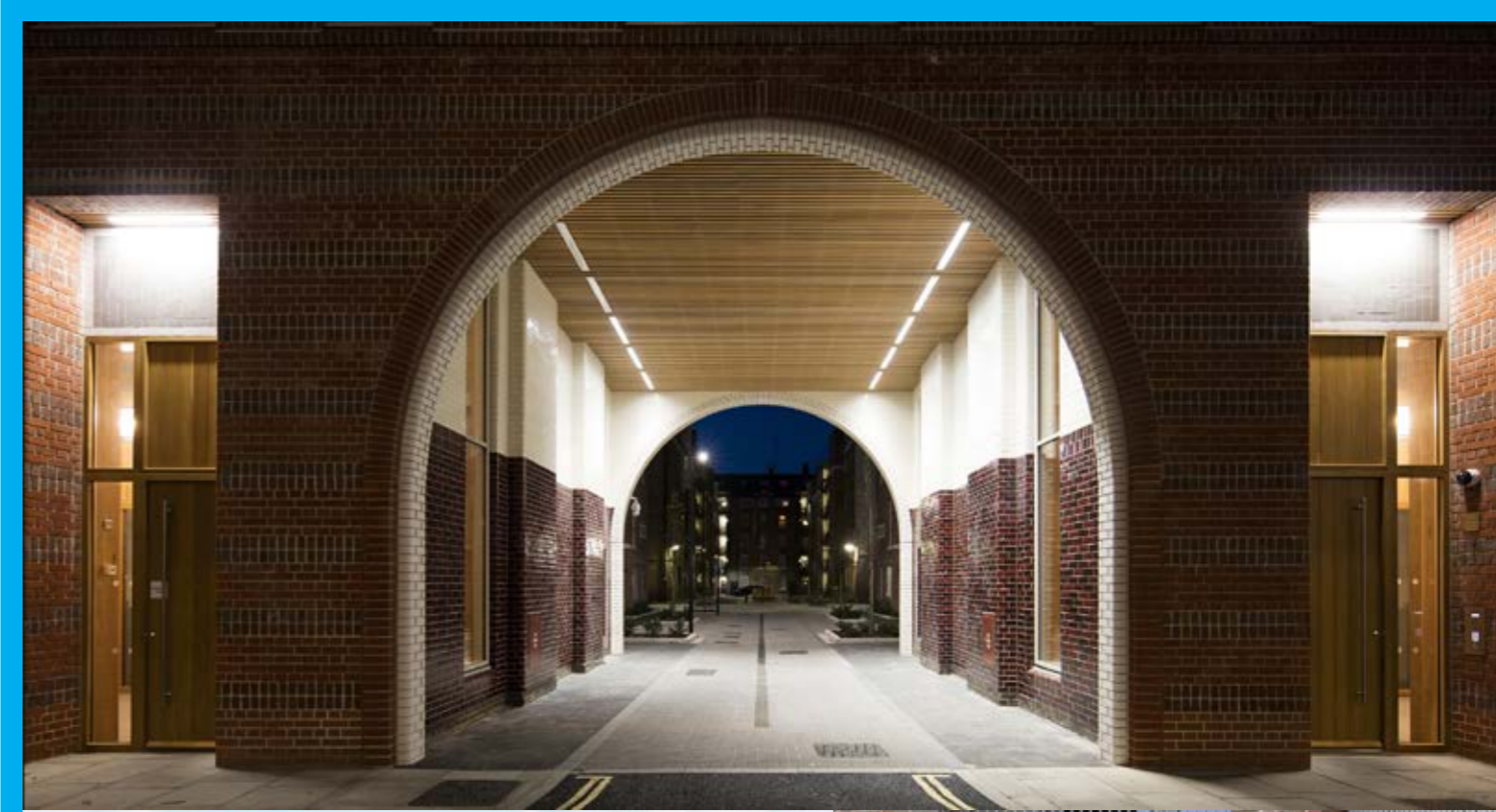


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