



## ARCHITECTURE IN ISOLATION

We are currently working on a series of social media posts focussing on isolation and Covid-19 and how it could affect the designs of our homes, the urban realm, schools and care settings.

Our first tweet said; *“With the majority of the country living and working from home, Archadia are reviewing how you can isolate and live with vulnerable people. We are asking how does the guidance work with our homes and how will this affect the future of housing design? Over the next few weeks we will explore what Archadia think what will/could change and how we can adapt our homes to suit this new living style.”*

We are trying to challenge the accepted norms and focus on improving the built environment. This will evolve into a research document and hopefully inform our Home for 2030 bid.



## PLANNING SUCCESS

Our Planning department worked hard with our client The Malins Group in succeeding to convince the council that replacing a former Maplin store with a restaurant and residential units above would be good for Epsom town centre and not compromise the existing A1 offer. The scheme was granted Planning and we now look forward to working with The Malins Group on further projects to benefit and reinvest in the High Street.

## BEECHWOOD GROVE FINALIST FOR INSIDE HOUSING AWARD

We were delighted to hear that our Beechwood Grove extra-care scheme reached the shortlist for ‘Best Older People’s Housing Development’ and enjoyed attending the awards ceremony. The scheme offers a holistic approach to care and wellbeing, catering for a new generation of retirees looking for specialist provision without compromise. The design blends into the existing character of the area whilst having contemporary features which improve the wellbeing and quality of life for the residents. We are proud to have worked closely with A2 Dominion and Feltham Construction to deliver the scheme and it is an honour to have the hard work of the team recognised through being a finalist for this award.





## EDEN HOUSE COMPLETED

Eden House is an exciting new development offering a variety of one and two-bedroom Shared Ownership homes for individuals, couples and young families in the London Borough of Hounslow. The project was undertaken as a joint venture between EcoWorld International and Lampton 360, a wholly owned subsidiary of London Borough of Hounslow who employed Archadia as their architects for the scheme.

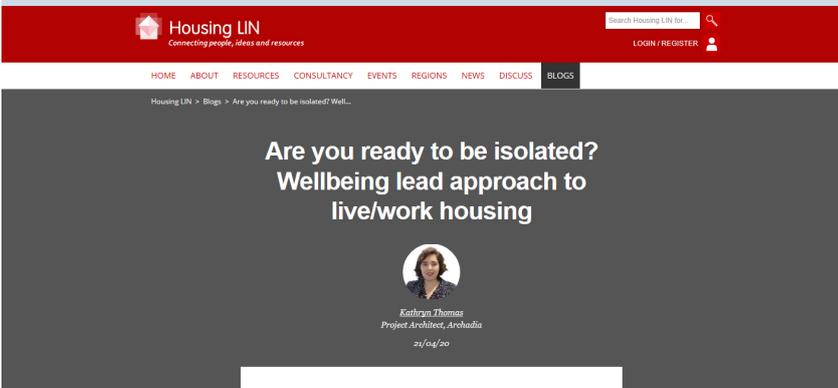
The eight storey scheme has been designed to provide every spacious apartment with its own balcony and shared access to a garden. The scheme also provides 4000 sq ft of community space at ground floor level.

## LOOK OUT FOR:

Our blog written by Kathryn Thomas for HousingLIN 'Are You Ready to Be Isolated? Wellbeing lead approach to live/work housing'. has just been published on the HousingLIN website. With Covid-19 in mind, it takes a look at housing design and adaptations for greater wellbeing and work-ready housing and is part of a new series stimulated by HousingLIN's Jeremy Porteus thoughts on preparing for work-ready housing and adapting the HAPPI design principle for work readiness.

## HOUSING LIN VIEWPOINT 98

We have produced a Viewpoint for the HousingLIN; 'Design Guidelines for inclusive, enabling environments for adults with complex needs' featuring a case study from Lyonsdown Road for the charity Norwood. It was written to consider the current standards and typologies of specialist supported housing provision for people with profound and multiple learning disabilities and provides recommendations for further research needed in this area.



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**Are you ready to be isolated?  
Wellbeing lead approach to  
live/work housing**

  
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A question all housing professionals have been wondering is what will change after lock down? Whatever your job or circumstances since the lock down people are spending prolonged amounts of



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