

# NEWS + INSIGHT



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## LEICESTERSHIRE B2 EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

Following a controversial site history and pre app process with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, WWA have submitted plans for a B2 employment site at Earl Shilton. More on p.6

## TWO AWARD NOMINATIONS FOR WWA STUDIOS

We are delighted to have been nominated for 'Best Architect' and 'Best Planning Advisor' by the OxPropFest in recognition of our amazing team and work this year. More on p.5

## MEDICAL CENTRE WELL RECEIVED BY STAFF AND PATIENTS

Find out what the staff at Long Hanborough Medical Centre have to say about their new facility and take a look at the photos of this thoughtfully designed building! More on p.2

# MEDICAL CENTRE “LIFTS SPIRITS”

Long Hanborough Medical Centre in Oxfordshire was completed recently, here is what the owners have to say...

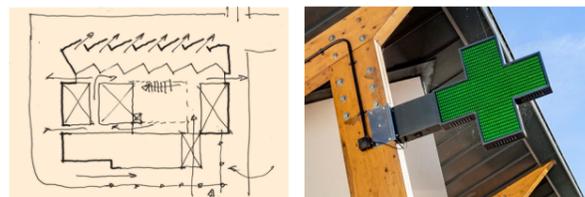


One of the practice partners, Dr Neil Rust said in an article for B-4Business *“The previous surgery was built in the 1960s. The new surgery has meant the patients arrive happy and come in enriched by the space and amazed by the transformation we have seen,”*

Practice Manager Tracy Girvan said *“The new surgery has benefited staff morale because we came from a small old building and to come into somewhere spacious, light and bright has really lifted people’s spirits.”*

WWA Studios designed the new Doctor’s Surgery and Pharmacy as part of a section 106 agreement in association with the construction of 169 homes. WWA achieved consent for the masterplan several years ago.

Through engaging with residents, the existing doctor’s surgery and primary school, we were able to identify the community facilities which would need to be improved. These included providing a new larger Doctors Surgery with improved parking.



# ELMBRIDGE GARAGE SITE APPROVED



## WELCOMING ISAAC, TUNG AND CARL

WWA are delighted to welcome three new talented staff members to our growing team in each of our core disciplines of architecture, planning, and urban design.

Tung Li, who has a 1st Class Hons degree from University of Greenwich and gained her MARCH Architecture from the Architectural Association School of Architecture joins us as an Architectural Assistant.

Tung speaks three languages and is particularly interested in designing mixed use buildings and environments.

We also welcome back Isaac Gatley who has gained his Part II in Urban Design and with a wider skill set with RTPI and RICS qualifications, he is working in a hybrid role as Urban Designer and Graduate Planner.

Isaac originally joined our Abingdon office in 2014 as an Urban Design Assistant and went on to gain his MSc in Spatial Planning & Development, Town

Planning, Urban Design & Surveying at the University of Reading followed by a MArch Architecture at the University of Sheffield.

Finally, we welcome Carl Ranscombe to our planning team. Carl has a 1st Class (Hons) degree in Urban Planning and has just completed an MSc in Planning and Urban Leadership.

Carl is a Board Member of the Nailsworth Community Land Trust, a local organisation that provides affordable housing for local people. He advocates for sustainable futures and in 2020 co-founded a shared community work space – a venture which aims to promote a work-life balance that is better for people and the planet.

They are all currently working from our Abingdon office but Isaac will be relocating and joining the team at our London office in a few months.

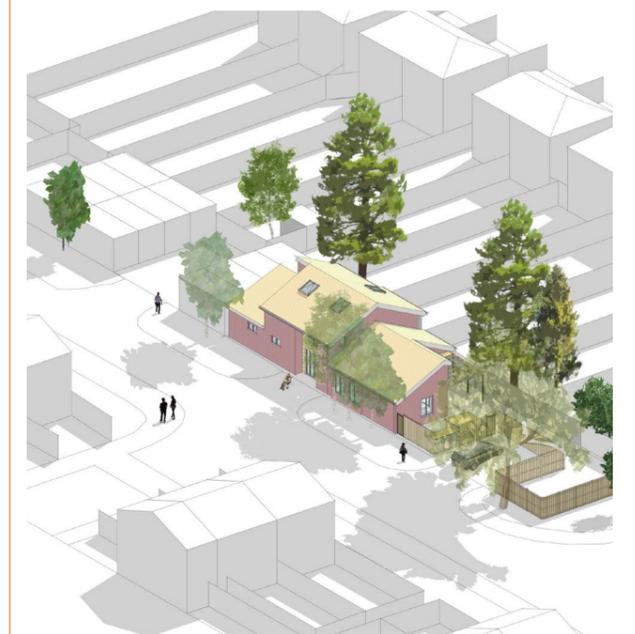
Watch out on LinkedIn for further news on the experience and interests of our newest team members!

WWA Studios are continuing to deliver planning success on a number of garage sites across Elmbridge Borough.

The latest approval is a small site in Claygate which has been designed specifically for wheelchair users in mind. There are many accessibility features including additional space for wheelchair manoeuvring, specialised bathrooms, level access, charging areas and potential for a lift installation.

The layout has been driven by the number of trees on the site which will be retained to preserve the natural features in the area and to maximise the sunlight into the courtyard gardens.

We know wheelchair housing is under provided nationally and this home will allow a family on the housing waiting list to live independently with the facilities they need. We are looking forward to the construction phase and getting it delivered on site!



# HANDOVER AT TWO BRIDGES

WWA have completed and handed over this purpose-built development featuring a mix of typologies and ownership models including supported housing and affordable homes

WWA worked with the London Borough of Hounslow; development partner Lampton 360 and EcoWorld London to create Two Bridges - a new housing scheme comprised of two blocks, one for general housing and one for supported housing.

This is the second scheme that we have worked on for the joint venture partnership. We were appointed to design a new purpose-built supported housing block replacing the existing outdated facilities.

The development includes a second building adjacent to the new supported housing block, providing new residential homes in line with the London Housing Design Guide. The project brings to the area a mix of purpose-built supported housing, shared ownership and build-to-rent units, creating a total of 29 high quality new homes which are much needed in the area, in particular affordable and supported homes to the segment of the community most in need.



# A YEAR IN REVIEW - OUR PROGRESS ON ZERO CARBON

We are delighted to announce we have smashed our Year 1 carbon reduction target of 15% by achieving a total of 31% reduction in CO2 across the business. This has been achieved through the use of

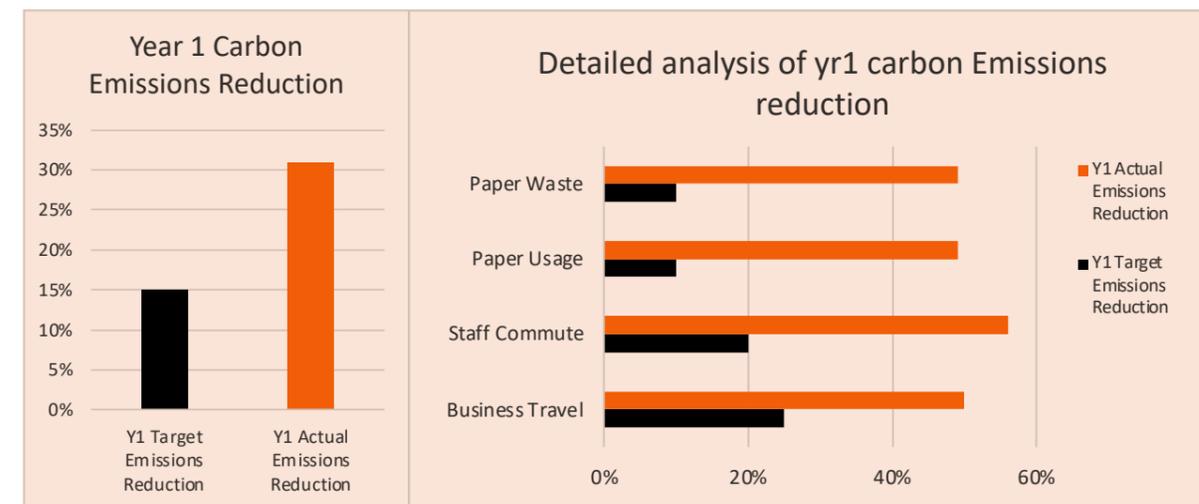
electric pool cars, reducing our staff commuting via home working and slashing our paper usage and wastage.

This is part of WWA's commitment to be zero

carbon by 2030. Whilst focusing on first making our own business carbon neutral, we also want to help our clients make their projects as green as possible. We now have committed to another 15 %

reduction in Year 2 and will offset whatever is left over.

Watch this space for further news as we continue to make radical changes in response to the climate and biodiversity emergency.



# OXPROP AWARDS NOMINATIONS IN TWO CATEGORIES!



We are pleased to announce that the WWA Studios team has been short-listed for two OxPropFest Awards this year in recognition of our planning and architectural talent.

The Best Architect award is new for 2022 - the judges at OxPropFest having added the category in recognition that "Good architecture in the built environment has never had such a high profile."

In addition, we are delighted that our planning team has also been shortlisted as Best Planning Advisor.

One of the many benefits of our interdisciplinary team is that we know that overcoming the challenges presented during the planning process takes a joined up approach!

We look forward to the announcement of the Winners later this year.

# B2 EMPLOYMENT SCHEME AT EARL SHILTON



West Waddy Archadia have recently submitted an outline planning application for the development of a B2 employment site alongside replacement traveller pitches on the outskirts of the town of Earl Shilton in Leicestershire.

Earl Shilton falls within a defined 'urban area', acknowledged as being the most sustainable location for development. Urban areas are the focus of key transport, retail, employment and leisure facilities in the Borough of Hinkley and Bosworth. Earl Shilton itself is designated as a secondary growth point within the Borough. The site, which has an

extant planning consent for travellers pitches, has been re-planned and proposes 14 B2 employment units in clusters of two or three with a reduced traveller provision designed in accordance with national good practice guidance on Gypsy and Traveller sites.

Extensive pre application discussions and meetings were held with the local planning authority. The landscape led design focusses on bio diversity net gain and includes a wetland feature as part of the sustainable drainage system to improve the habitat richness of the site and enhance the nearby wildlife corridor.



# HIGHLANDS NURSERY NEWS

We are delighted to announce that Highlands Nursery for PA Housing has been submitted for planning.

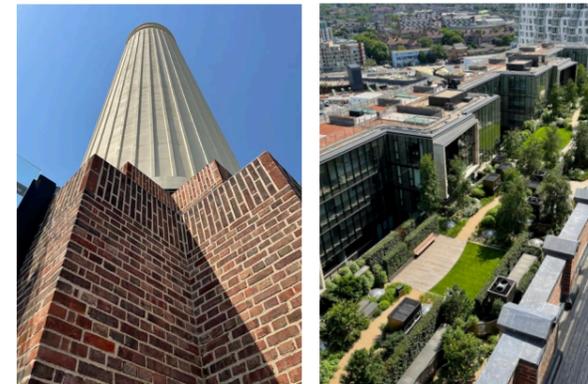
Neighbours during the design process.

The site has been designed around a central public green space which features a play area and pond to provide recreation and an attractive outlook for residents. The houses have generous gardens and the existing trees to the site boundaries will be retained with additional planting creating a biodiverse development.

Fingers crossed for approval!

The proposal is for 25 100% affordable homes delivering much needed housing for local people on a Rural Exception Site basis.

The team have worked closely with the Rural and Community Led Housing Enabler to establish the Housing Need and held consultation events with the Parish Council and Local



# PRACTICE DAY CELEBRATIONS

*A day out of the office!*

Reflecting after our action packed (and very hot) summer Away Day, Managing Director Philip Waddy shared his thoughts on the year gone by.

*of service at 9 or 10 out of 10. Well done Team WWA and we are delighted to announce a 10% pay rise for every one of our staff this month. Onwards and upwards..."*

*"Celebrating our success and forging future plans at WWA Practice Day. It's been a great year reflected in exceptional results in our recent client survey with 89% of clients rating our performance and quality*

*In the morning we rallied together to review and reshape our business plan, and then enjoyed a river cruise and Thames-side walk to a nearby bar! A splendid day in London.*

# DAY-TRIPPING ON THE SOLENT

Following somewhat of a tradition at WWA, each year to say thank you to our clients and colleagues, we charter a Yacht and take to the open seas.

one another's company.

With favourable weather this year, we had a great time out on the water and are already looking forward to 2023!

Setting out on the Solent, all hands are invited to get involved in the running of things, or to simply enjoy the experience. So much time is spent these days discussing things over zoom, squeezing catchups into 1hr segments or fitting them in between - it is quite a luxury to be out for a whole day, with the chance to chat, share, and enjoy



# BULLETIN

## UP + COMING

- » Follow our award nomination progress at the...  
[OxPropFest Awards](#)  
*14th September 2022 from 7.30pm at the Bicester Motion Centre in Oxfordshire. We look forward to seeing colleagues in our wider network of Oxfordshire's property movers and shakers!*
- » We will be "Exploring the inequality and affordability challenges in older people's housing" at the...  
[Housing 21 Conference](#)  
*12th October from 1.00am - 4.00pm  
We will be there listening to and learning from an excellent cast of thought leaders in this sector.*

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OUR WEBSITE



[WWA-STUDIOS.COM](http://WWA-STUDIOS.COM)

## PASSIVHAUS SUCCESS FOR MATTHEW HINKINS



After weeks of training and study for the Passivhaus Exam, we are thrilled that Matt Hinkins has passed the exam and is now a certified Passivhaus Designer. Passivhaus Design is becoming more and more relevant as we move towards achieving zero carbon and we now have two certified Passivhaus Designers on our team. If you are considering undertaking a Passive House project, please do contact us for assistance in seeing your project through and striving to design responsibly in the context of the climate and biodiversity emergency.

## ABOUT

WWA is an innovative multi-disciplinary practice of Architects, Urban Designers and Town Planners with a rich pedigree of successful projects delivered over our 137 year history. We offer outstanding client focussed services embracing the natural crossover between built environment disciplines and we consistently deliver high quality projects on time and on budget. Our team of town planners offer added value to clients with an exceptional success rate in achieving planning consent.

Please contact one of the Directors for a no obligation discussion about how we might assist you with your planning or development project.



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