



**Award Category:** Design Excellence sponsored by Places for People

**Project:** Artworks, Hitchin

**Client:** Crest Nicholson

**Architect:** Stride Treglown



Artworks is a development of 10 three-bedroom houses and 75 one and two bedroom apartments in Hitchin, on a site previously used by North Hertfordshire College. The development captures the aspirations for a simple, legible, permeable and contemporary scheme, using a palette of materials including buff bricks, horizontal boarding and slate roofs. Simple elevations with large full height windows ensure maximum natural light penetration. The external space is

softened with trees, shrubs, green open space, usable amenity spaces and landscaping. The buildings are designed to work together, to define the inner space and deliver a scheme which enhances the area and provides an attractive place for people to live.

**Judges' comments:**

"As judges, we thought the town houses were well designed with a play on modern vernacular with generous windows and crisp detailing of contemporary materials."