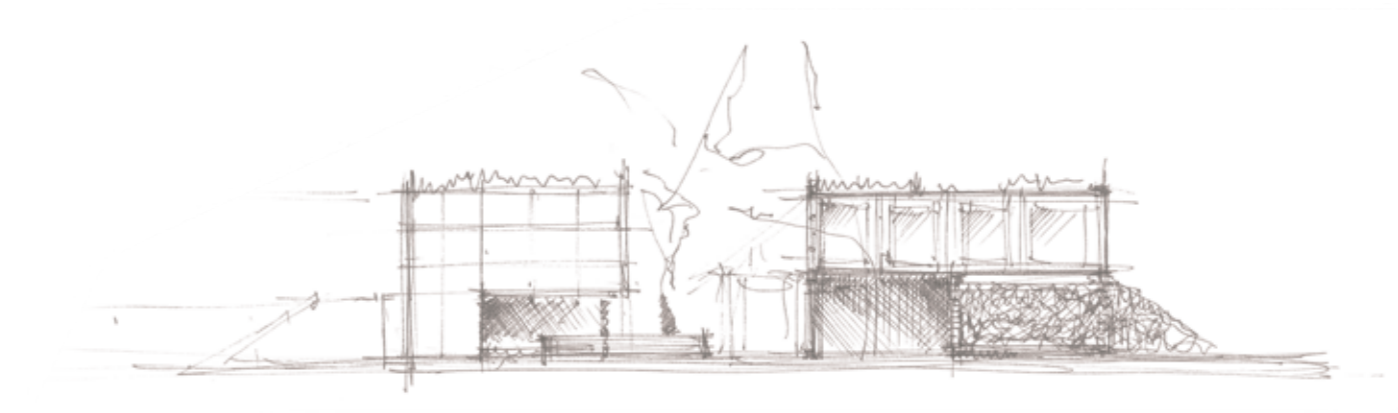


# CUBIS BRUTON

contemporary country living

# NATURE & DESIGN

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# Contemporary country living

Introducing Cubis Bruton. A striking collection of bespoke 3 and 4 bedroom houses, intelligently and individually designed to be energy efficient and highly sustainable both internally and externally.

Situated overlooking Bruton, the small Somerset town with hidden depths, this innovative and contemporary scheme brings a flexible and dynamic approach to rural living.



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# Conceived by land artist Mark Merer and artist Lucy Glendinning

Mark Merer of Landhouse was approached by Bruton Town Council a decade ago to look at possibilities for the town's expansion. Mark is known for his highly-regarded land art works, combining architecture, landscape and sculpture.

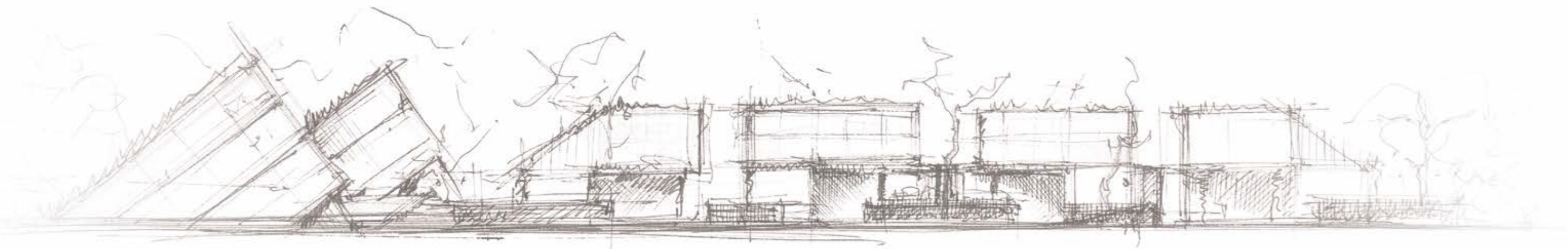
Mark's primary interest is in placement of objects within an existing context and in doing so, looking for the perfect union of object and environment, which raises questions about how we perceive ourselves in relation to our surroundings. Mark has a particular fascination with bringing the arts into a more direct involvement with every day life, so this project was an ideal fit for him.

His frustration with traditional methods of volume house building led him, in conjunction with Acorn, to develop this range of unique homes for Cubis Bruton. Architecturally innovative, delivering a high level of thermal efficiency, integrated into the landscape and enhancing the quality of life for the new owners.

When complete, Cubis Bruton will provide Somerset with an outstanding development of quality design, sustainability and innovative public realm. It also delivers a landmark gateway to Bruton.

“As a sculptor, my compulsion has been to create landscapes and environments that evoke a balance of spirit and matter, to explore the way in which the placement of an object can produce an awareness of our surroundings”

LAND ARTIST MARK MERER



Early sketch of house type forms at Cubis Bruton

# Iconic architecture

Cubis Bruton realises a new kind of housing which, along with contemporary design, integrates the buildings into the immediate landscape and their surroundings.

Collaboration between Acorn, architect, urbanist and landscape designer was at the heart of the design process. Our goal was to combine contemporary buildings, courtyards and central spaces within a framework of sculpted landscape to ensure the built form was extended into the surrounding landscape.

Deciding on the architectural appearance and material palette was essential to our design objective of ensuring that the development would stand the test of time. Extensive colour studies were carried out and contrasting materials and textures were compared.

The sculptural landscape strategy introduced corrosion resistant Corten steel to contain structural planting threading through the scheme. The Corten will develop a unique surface patina over time and act as a landmark public art feature. The distinctive geometric roof-scape, with a mixture of flat, angular and green pitches blur the roofscape within landform.

Internally the aim was to develop a range of unique, flexible homes that can enhance the way you live. Our design principles focussed on the transition of indoor and outdoor living spaces through the provision of open, multi-functional rooms with large glazed and seamless openings onto gardens and terraces. It was essential the housing range incorporated large master-suites, plenty of bathrooms and useful storage spaces.

MARK MERER



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# Sustainability and ecology

Green features are employed throughout Cubis Bruton to ensure high-performing thermo-efficient new housing. From triple glazed windows and a mechanical ventilation heat recovery system to high performing building fabric, everything has been done to make living as easy as possible without compromising on the environmental impact.

Homes will benefit from smart meters allowing you to digitally monitor your gas and electricity usage and LED lighting will be used throughout which offers better light quality than other forms of lighting and are free of toxic chemicals. Optional extras range from electric car charging points and cycle racks to solar panels and water butts.

The use of robust materials create high performing, thermo-efficient houses, which, combined with green technologies employed on site, will lead to great biodiversity on the development.

Natural stone walling contrasted by a more contemporary timber cladding in addition to oversized aluminium composite front doors and windows which are energy efficient alternatives to normal uPVC. On selected houses, sedum roofs have been applied and Corten steel elevations included which add to the sense of robustness yet green feel of the scheme.

An ecology corridor to the north and west boundaries of the site has been proposed to protect wildlife including birds, bats and hedgehogs using the hedgerow. Eight forms of bat and bird boxes will be installed on properties and trees within the development to deliver additional biodiversity enhancement.



Example of sedum roof



Example of Corten cladding. Images courtesy of Mark Merer and Louis Forter

# The fabric of rural life

Bruton is a small Somerset town situated in the south west of England, known for its beautiful and verdant countryside. Among historic places of interest are the iconic Dovecote in Jubilee Park, a former 18th century Watchtower, and King Alfred's Tower; a folly commemorating the end of the Seven Years War.

Although a rural town, Bruton has remarkably good transport links with an excellent local bus service. Bruton Train Station is a 10-minute walk from the town centre with connections including Bristol, Bath and London.



River Brue, Bruton



View of Bruton



Bruton Museum



Bruton High Street



The Dovecote



Bruton



Local Walk



Swan Vintage, Bruton



Restaurant, Bruton



Godminster Cheese, Bruton



Godminster Cheese, Bruton



The Flower Shop, Bruton

Pretty much everything you need can be sourced locally from this idyllic but vibrant little town.

There are several restaurants and bars including 'At The Chapel'; open all day for breakfast, lunch and dinner. This converted, listed chapel also hosts regular events. Matt's Kitchen is an intimate restaurant offering a simple, delicious 'dish of the day' and on the outskirts of Bruton you will find Cole Manor Tea Rooms where you can sit within 5 acres of beautiful gardens and enjoy homemade scones with organic cream.

The town boasts an eclectic mix of shops including a butcher, mini-supermarkets, hardware store, and shops of all kinds selling antiques, vintage clothes, organic foods, bespoke coffee, gifts and flowers. CARO is a lifestyle shop offering objects for life sourced from around the globe and a local farm is where the well known Godminster Cheese is made.

Bruton also offers a doctor's surgery, pharmacy, soft furnishings maker, hair and beauty salons, Post Office and a vet. And if you need the larger supermarkets, Frome and Shepton Mallet are a short drive.

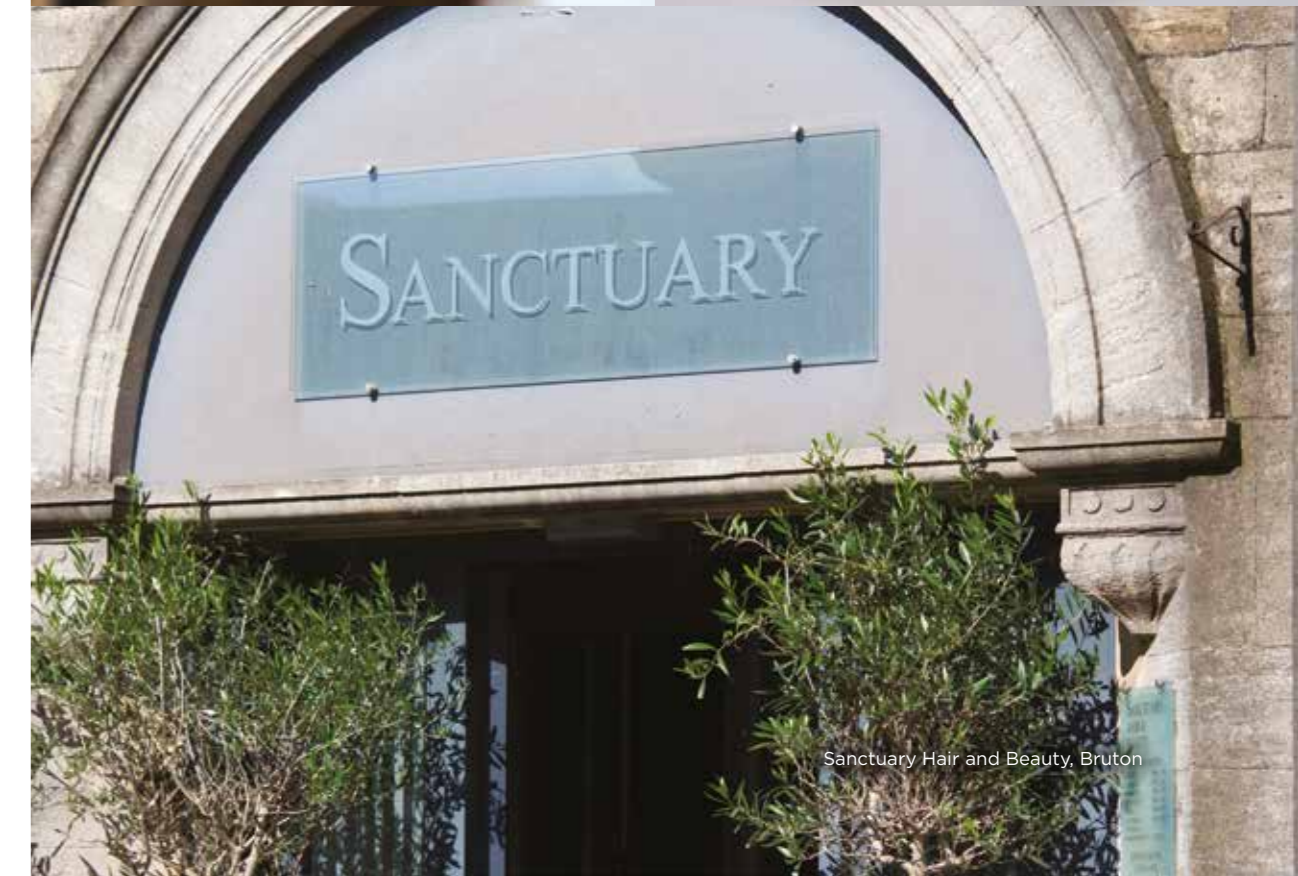
Babington House in Frome is less than 30 minutes drive away. This exclusive club offers members the use of the stunning house and grounds plus a spa, outdoor pool and various restaurants.



At The Chapel, Bruton



At The Chapel, Bruton



Sanctuary Hair and Beauty, Bruton



Bruton has become a centre for international art and architecture with the opening of the Hauser & Wirth gallery. This pioneering world-class gallery and multi-purpose arts centre acts as a destination for experiencing art, architecture and the remarkable Somerset landscape through new and innovative exhibitions of contemporary art. A landscaped garden includes a 1.5 acre perennial meadow sits behind the gallery buildings.

On-site restaurant, the Roth Bar & Grill, serves seasonal, locally sourced produce, and includes a site-specific bar created by Björn and Oddur Roth, the son and grandson of artist Dieter Roth.

Bruton is also home to a number of events such as the Bruton Packhorse Fair; a community event held in May each year and Farmfest, an annual two day festival aimed at families and party goers alike.



Hauser & Wirth gallery, Bruton



King's Bruton school



## No better place for a family life

Bruton benefits from two recreation grounds, a local football team and you will be spoilt for choice when choosing schools:

- Kings Bruton (independent co-ed 13-18 yrs )
- Hazelgrove School (independent co-ed 2-13 yrs)
- Sexey's (co-ed state boarding and day school 11-18 yrs)
- Bruton Girls School (independent day and boarding school for girls 3-18 although boys are included up to the age of 7)
- Bruton Primary School (state day school 4-11 yrs).

The town is simply a wonderful place for families and children, with beautiful countryside walks and outdoor activities including the nearby Mill on the Brue, a family run, not for profit educational and environmental centre.

# Idyllic location

Bruton is situated between Frome and Wincanton and although in a rural location it's well placed for transport links. Bath and Bristol are within easy reach by car or train. There is a good local bus service and trains running to major towns and cities including London from both Bruton and Castle Cary Railway station which is just a 10 minute drive away.

BY ROAD

Frome 23 mins  
Yeovil 39 mins  
Glastonbury 41 mins  
Bath 48 mins  
Bristol 1 hr 11 mins

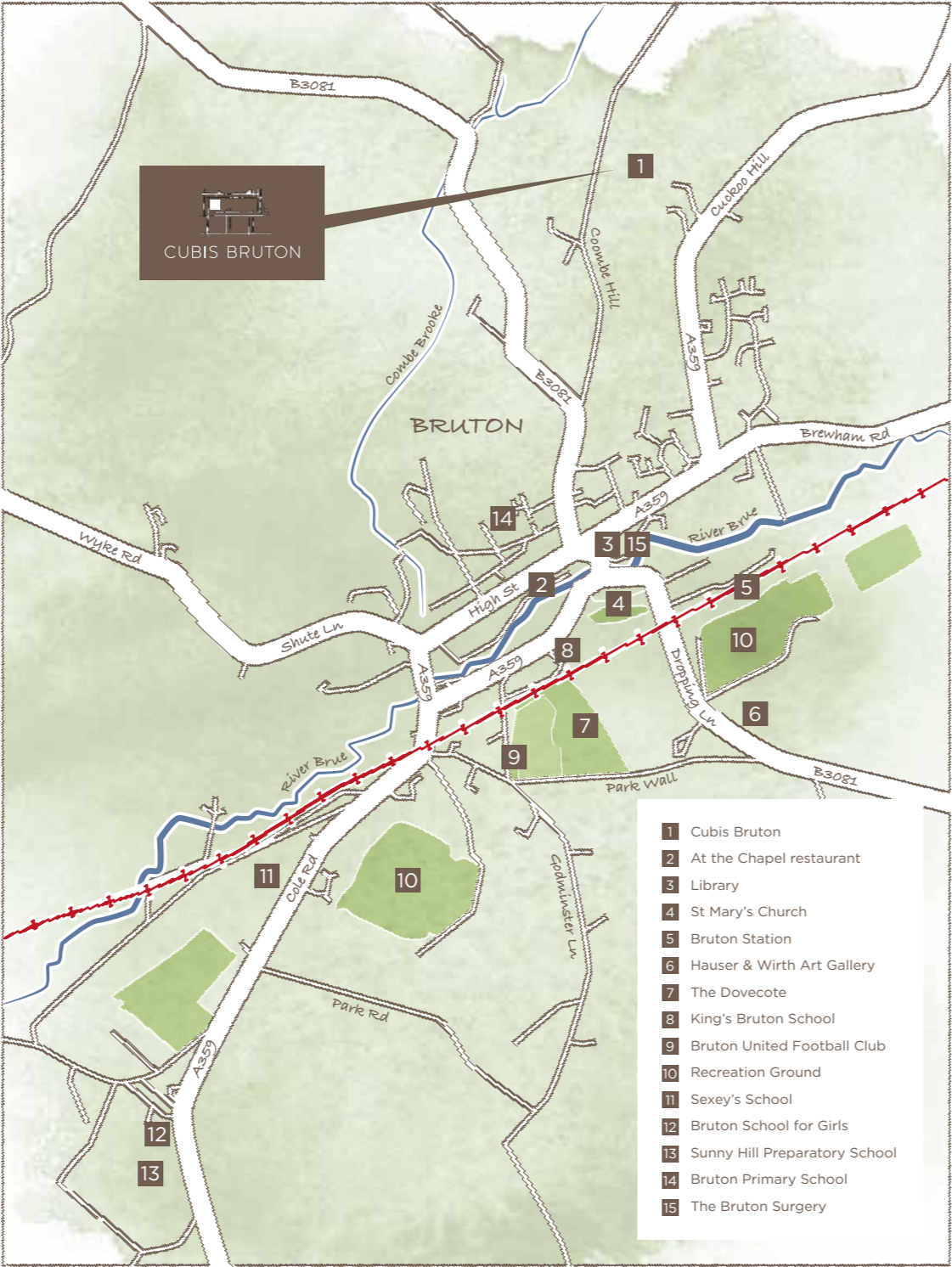
BY RAIL - FROM BRUTON\*

Taunton 34 mins  
Bath 51 mins  
Exeter 1 hr 2 mins  
Bristol 1 hr 7 mins  
London Paddington 1 hr 54 mins

BY RAIL - FROM CASTLE CARY\*\*

London Paddington 1 hr 31 mins

\* 5 minute drive from Cubis Bruton  
\*\* 12 minute drive from Cubis Bruton  
Source: Google Maps and trainline.com



# Phase 1 Site Plan

- 3 BEDROOM HOUSES
- 4 BEDROOM HOUSES



The development layout is for illustrative purposes only. Plot positions, parking and landscape details can vary slightly during construction. All structural and landscape finishes are indicative only. Plots 54-59: Affordable housing.

# Specification

## KITCHEN

Choice of contemporary fitted kitchen with slimline laminate worktop by Leicht\*

Feature pan drawers with hidden cutlery tray

Soft closing hinge mechanism

Stainless steel sink with mixer tap

Range of appliances to include:

- Integrated fridge and freezer
- Built-in multifunction oven
- Built-in combination microwave
- Ceramic 5 ring induction hob
- Integrated dishwasher
- Integrated wine cooler

Feature under wall unit LED lighting

Built in refuse container

## UTILITY

Units with laminate worktop

Space and plumbing for washing machine and dryer

## BATHROOM / EN-SUITE / CLOAKROOM

Contemporary design white sanitary ware by Laufen

Back-to-wall WC with soft-closing seat, concealed cistern and dual flush

Wall hung wash basin

Brassware by Vado to include:

- Polished chrome wall-mounted taps
- Polished chrome hand-shower set over bath
- Polished chrome wall-mounted slim-line shower head and hand-shower to en-suite

Low profile shower tray to en-suite

Clear glazed bath/shower screen

Choice of full-height contemporary porcelain tiling around bath and shower\*

Choice of large format porcelain tiled flooring\*

Heated towel rail

Recessed LED downlights

Large feature mirror

Shaver socket in bathroom and en-suite

## HEATING, VENTILATION AND HOT WATER

Highly efficient gas boiler

Underfloor heating throughout

Chrome heated towel rail to cloakroom, bathroom and en-suite

Mechanical ventilation heat recovery system

Smart gas and electricity meter

## INTERIOR FINISH

Walls and ceilings in white matt emulsion

White satin square profile architrave and skirting

Solid white painted internal doors

Contemporary ironmongery

## EXTERIOR WINDOWS AND DOORS

Over-sized front door with side light, spyhole and letter plate

High-performance triple glazed Velfac composite aluminium window system

## ELECTRICAL FITTINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Slim profile white light switches and sockets

Mix of recessed down lights, wall-lights and pendants

Sky TV (by subscription) and BT points to master bedroom and living room

Telephone points to living room, kitchen and master bedroom

Data cabling hub in hallway with wiring to living room and bedrooms

TV points to all bedrooms

## GARDEN

Turf to rear garden

Paving slabs to rear garden door

External socket to paved area

Cold water outside tap to paved area

External light to rear garden

## BALCONIES AND TERRACES (WHERE APPLICABLE)

First floor terrace with glass balustrade

Composite decking

External light

## EXTERNAL MATERIALS

Material palette of natural stone, corten steel, timber cladding and render

Green roofs to specific plots

Aluminium rainwater goods

## CAR PARKING

Minimum of x2 spaces for every house

Car ports and off-street parking to selected properties

## SECURITY

Multi-point locking system to front door

Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarm

## LANDSCAPING AND PUBLIC SPACES

Feature landscaping designed by land artist Mark Merer to public areas throughout development

Central amenity space for public enjoyment

Appointed local management company to maintain all public open spaces and landscaping

## SUSTAINABILITY

Enhanced thermal performance of building fabric

## PEACE OF MIND

10 year BLP structural warranty

\* Choices available subject to build stage.

The specification is intended as a guide only. Acorn Property Group reserve the right to alter the specification at any time.



CGI of typical en-suite layout



Typical CGI interior of living dining area of numbers 11, 66 & 67



CGI of typical kitchen interior of numbers 1, 2 & 10

# Customisation and Interior Design

The homes at Cubis Bruton are designed to be flexible and multi-functional.

Acorn understand that the way a home is used can vary between households. With this in mind, the properties can be adapted to suit your lifestyle (subject to build stage).

Designed around a single open space with a kitchen, which can be used in a variety of ways, some properties benefit from an additional downstairs space, which can be a home office, bedroom or snug.

Cubis Bruton homes have been designed to accommodate an extra bathroom or shower-room, often at a ground floor level which is perfect for guests or to allow for single storey living. Ample storage can be found in hallways and landings, and most properties boast a separate utility room.

We believe the link between indoor and outdoor space should be seamless, therefore living areas and many bedrooms lead straight onto a terrace through oversized openings, giving a feeling of light and space, bringing the outside in!

## CUSTOMISATION

Cubis Bruton gives you choice over the use and appearance of your new home and every property is unique. Subtle differences in window layout and external materials ensure no home looks the same.

This flexibility is carried through internally where high specification minimalistic finishes allow for creative freedom. Whether kitchen style, flooring or tiling, the design lead comes from you to customise your new home to fit your needs and style. We encourage this customisation and try to accommodate any request. We can offer help by showing examples in previous projects. Typically featuring balustrades, wood burners, stone worktops, smart lighting or other bespoke items.

Your new home can be minimalist, high-tech or cosy. Just ask.

# Our philosophy

Acorn's passion has been to change the face of areas through innovative regeneration and exciting new architecture; whilst creating the kind of places people want to live, work and spend time in. With over 20 years of success, Acorn looked to Bristol and the surrounding region to expand and in 2013 launched a regional office in Bristol city centre.

Acorn Bristol offers properties without compromise, designed to deliver the very best in contemporary living. The projects range from urban apartments to riverside homes to conversions within beautiful listed buildings. These distinguished developments are sensitive to their surroundings creating inspiring and individual homes.

Acorn has offices in London, Cornwall, Bristol, Cardiff and Hampshire offering a design led philosophy coupled with a unique approach to place-making through regeneration and development.



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## Floor Plans

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