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Waugh Thistleton gets green light for timber social housing job

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Homes will be built offsite from engineered timber



Waugh Thistleton's Kenton Court

Architect Waugh Thistleton has won planning permission for a 25-home scheme in south London.

The Kenton Court scheme for Lewisham Homes will be built from engineered timber and constructed off-site. It will consist predominantly of family homes, including duplexes, flats and wheelchair-accessible homes, arranged around a landscaped courtyard.

Andrew Waugh, director at Waugh Thistleton, said: "Building homes off-site speeds up delivery and reduces the impact of construction on the local area."

“Homes constructed out of engineered timber, using cutting-edge technology, are of a higher quality than those built using standard construction techniques, are better for the environment, as timber is a renewable resource and stores carbon, and are quieter and more energy efficient.”

The site, in a residential area in Sydenham, is currently occupied by a vacant three-storey building containing mostly studio apartments that was previously used as a residential care facility. The building was deemed unsuitable for residential care and was decommissioned in 2014.

It has been replaced by new build extra care facilities elsewhere in the borough and will be demolished to make way for the new council homes.