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Catherine Skelcher has worked as Project Architect on a number of student housing schemes for clients such as Kings College London and Clare College Cambridge. In each case, effective consultation, from discussions with the student body, staff and the local community through to complex negotiations with the local planning and conservation departments is key to the success of each scheme.

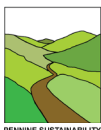
## Clare College Student Accommodation - University of Cambridge



Photographs on completion (above) - courtesy of CVA; Proposal 'in context' - Images submitted for planning (right).

Completed in 2013, this 4.5 million 32 unit housing development is set within a Conservation Area in Newnham Village, Cambridge. It comprised the remodelling of the existing terrace, the restoration of a listed shop unit and the addition of a new building behind to frame a mews-like courtyard.

The project brings together these three elements to create a new student community in the heart of Cambridge. The scale, pattern and materials of the new development have been designed in response to the surrounding area.



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***“It is an approach that deliberately creates hierarchies of exterior space, communality and privacy and that also serves to pull the bulk of the building away from the neighbouring garden walls.***

***“While the frontages to the main courtyard are made up of urban layers of lead work and a creamy yellow lbstock brick that is sympathetic to a Cambridgeshire gault, the houses’ rear elevations to the adjacent garden of yet another listed Baillie Scott house and its perimeter trees take on a personality that’s at once more obviously contemporary and more rustic”.***

Robert Bevan, Building Design, 20th February 2014.



### Key Details

Architect: Project Architect Catherine Skelcher (For Cottrell and Vermeulen Architecture);  
Building Completed: 2013