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## cundalls road ware

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type 5 rural semi-detached and detached residential houses  
client Riversmead Housing Association Ltd/ Network Group  
contract Design and Build  
cost £1.2m  
status Completed 2010

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The design reflects the local Hertfordshire typology by providing a modern contextual design composed from a simple material palette of brick and timber. The use of Thermowood timber cladding provides a tactile feature that reflects the vernacular and softens the impact of the development within a confined setting.

The site layout replicates the rural grain of the estate so that it integrates comfortably into the existing community. The dwelling entrances are set back from the main building line to create a natural private threshold to each home. A corner window to the kitchen/ dining room, provides natural surveillance to the dwellings entrance as well as the surrounding area.

The core design principle underlying the scheme is the family and how the houses respond and can be adapted to meet their changing needs.

The scheme completed within eight months, five months ahead of programme by Bugler Developments.

