

### **Forest School Camps**

# Stores Redevelopment Project at Haddenham - Introduction to architects practice

- Stores Development Committee and the tender selection panel would like Council to approve their recommendation to appoint Mole Architects as Lead Designer working in collaboration with Invisible Studio and Xylotech.
- These practices have a long history of working collaboratively on projects and on the Studio in the Woods workshops and an excellent reputation within the industry and they are multi award-winning practices.
- Mole Architects was founded by Meredith Bowles and is based locally in Cambridge. The practice is very experienced in designing and implementing innovative, distinctive and sustainable buildings in the local area and beyond.
- Invisible Studio was founded by Piers Taylor and is based in the West Country and focuses on collaboration and experimentation in architectural design and a member of FSC suggested Invisible Studio for their collaborative work at Westonbirt Arboretum.
- We have good verbal and written references for both practices for relevant projects from previous Clients.



Invisible Architecture:
Studio in the Woods
Experimental Workshops





Reference from a resident & member of the co-housing group and on the Client side

Alice (Hamlin) project architect worked with the cohousing group and the developer, TOWN, on Marmalade Lane. She was a steady calm presence throughout and clearly on top of the detail. She has a really good understanding of and sympathy for community-led groups and for the sustainability agenda they often are committed to. We also worked closely with Meredith Bowles and one other architect and were highly impressed with the practice as a whole. They are able to deliver good design and help clients prioritise on the sustainability side"....... that Mole "take a leadership role in Cambridge on this area of work"

## Mole Architecture:

Marmalade Lane, Cohousing & Community Building.

New Build 42 houses and apartments, with community building and common facilities. working in close collaboration with the resident group and two local authorities Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council.





**Mole Architecture**:

Farmhouse and Craft Workshop Suffolk



**Mole Architecture** 

Coton Country Park Cambridgeshire
Low tech and simple visitor centre building



#### **Mole Architecture**

Walton and Frinton Yacht Club Low budget building completed by members



#### **Mole Architecture**

The Black House Ely Architects own low energy home with studio extension





#### **Invisible Studio**

**Moonshine -** Architect's self build home and studio in West Country woodland



Invisible Studio & Xyolotek - Westonbirt Arboretum Wolfson Tree Management Centre (machinery store and staff facilities) built by volunteers using local timerusing local timber.







#### Westonbirt Arboretum Wolfson Tree Management Centre

Client reference

"Our brief .... was quite functional and required those submitting tenders to demonstrate their ability to design timber buildings and involve the wider community in the build process.

The team worked really with the Forestry England client team, they were happy to be tested on the design throughout its development and rethink when necessary to meet our brief. It was a very collaborative process and during the build stages involved our staff and volunteers in both buildings.

The team were very hands on with Piers leading a practical session in how to pour and create a concrete kitchen worktop. We are all very proud of these buildings and what was achieved with a tight budget, challenging the norm of timber buildings, using volunteers/unskilled labour to support the build and ultimately ending up with functional and two very interesting buildings"



#### **Invisible Studio**

Studio in the Woods Experimental Design Workshops





Invisible Studio & Xyolotek
Big Shed Hooke Park - timber construction

## Invisible Studio & Xyolotek Colerne School Dining Hall Somerset





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