

Contemporary Country Architecture In Nottingham Road

ARCHITECTURAL CODE

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The architecture for Windspur is "Contemporary Country"

At its most literal, "contemporary" is the architecture being produced now, the architecture of the moment, so in this sense "contemporary" is not limited to a single stylistic thread.

"Contemporary Country" design incorporates natural materials and textures and colours, with modern materials like steel & glass used in simplified lines of contemporary designs and living against a raw natural environment

"Contemporary Country" design suggests a position that is anti-vernicular & comfortable with new materials & forms, using an architectural language that is not steeped in the past typographics and traditions.

These designs will incorporate the following considerations in line with, and incorporating the Windspur "green" philosophy:

- Orientation making the most of the sun's warmth and light.
- Space planning open areas spread warmth and light through the living areas.
- Insulation all the insulation materials & methods are described
- Overhangs carefully designed overhangs control the ingress of warmth and light in Winter and protect the interior from too much heat in Summer.
- Natural light reduces use of electricity.
- Natural ventilation reduces use of electricity and promotes good health.

DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

To prevent a negative visual & ecological impact on the surrounds and the Village, the buildings are restricted in height, scale, materials & finishes. The architecture is determined by the connection between climate, topography and building. The use of beneficial elements of macro & micro climate in generating form is an important factor in the design process and this should be guided by ecological awareness, the path of the sun, solar geometry and the prevailing wind conditions.

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Attention will given to the following when applying the architectural guidelines to generate an appropriate contemporary architectural language:

- Colours
- Site orientation
- Ventilation
- Exterior colours
- Climate, geography and topography
- Technology & sustainability
- Contemporary South African lifestyle

ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES

These guidelines are not too prescriptive to allow for promoting creativity within the guidelines.

We like:

Dark colours

Single slope Chromadek roofs on timber or steel

Steel, glass, timber

Clerestory windows

Living units connected with flat concrete slabs

Timber cladding

Natural stone cladding

Large suspended cantilevering decks

Charcoal (dark) Aluminium windows & doors

Natural or dark painted sliding timber louvred shutters

Louvred blinds

Simple clean lines

Building that "sit in" the landscape rather than "sitting on" it.

Colour impregnated wall & floor finishes

We don't like, and say no to:

Gables (ie double slope roofs)
Fake materials

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