

Akerman

London, 2006 - 2012

Client: South London Health Partnership LIFT Co; Developer: Fulcrum; Public Sector: Lambeth PCT

Budget: £12.4 million

Building type: Health Centre

Awards: RIBA Stirling Prize Midlist; RIBA National Award; Building Better Healthcare Awards, Best Primary Care Design; Design & Health International Academy Awards, International Health Project Under 40,000sqm, Highly Commended



Akerman was commissioned by Lambeth Primary Care Trust to accommodate three General Practices, two flexible medical suites, a suite of meeting rooms and offices for the Community Nursing teams and Local Authority Social Services. The objective was to consolidate services from a number of locations and a number of agencies on a single site in a severely deprived London neighbourhood.

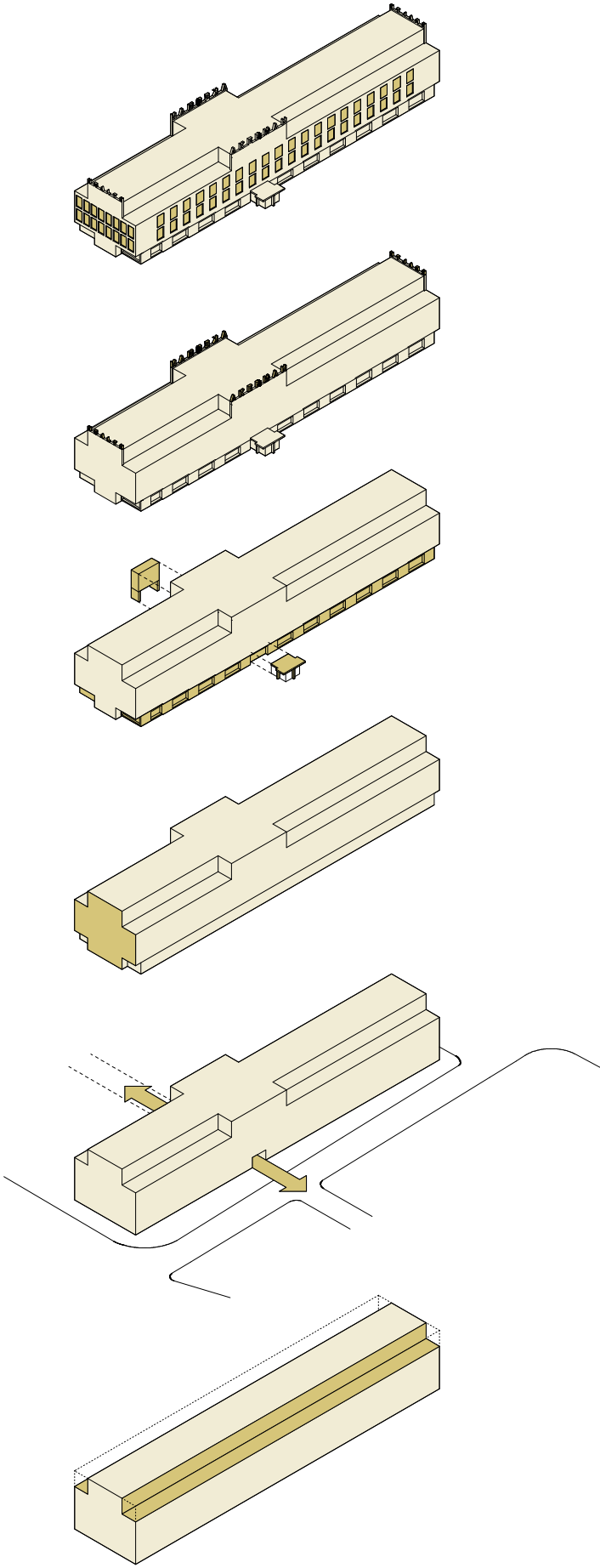
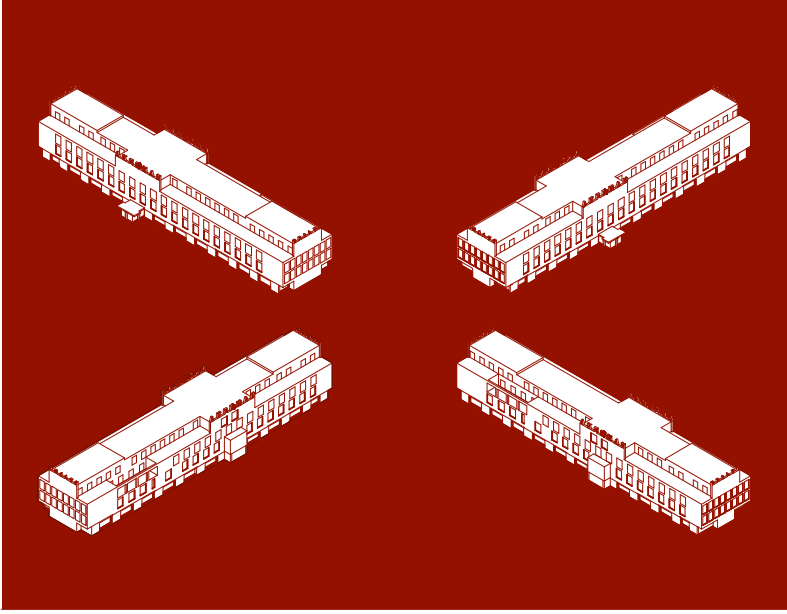
Akerman assumes the role of a public building and borrows the form of a cathedral to convey its civic qualities. The design places the foyer in the middle of this long building opposite a T-junction. When open, the foyer is an extension of the public realm – the new route through the building links two adjoining neighbourhoods. Our design informed the masterplan for the regeneration of the adjoining estate.

Clinicians, patients, neighbours and local community groups were consulted on functionality and impact. Their thoughts were captured in the brief and design ideas tested with users.

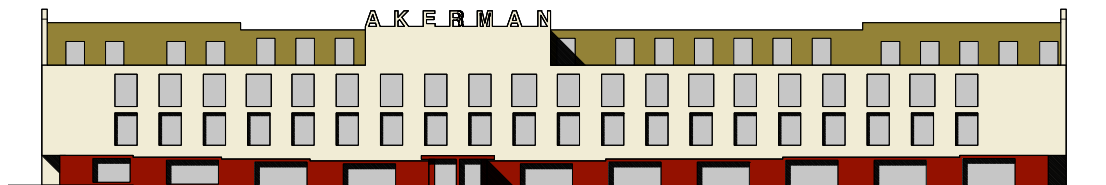
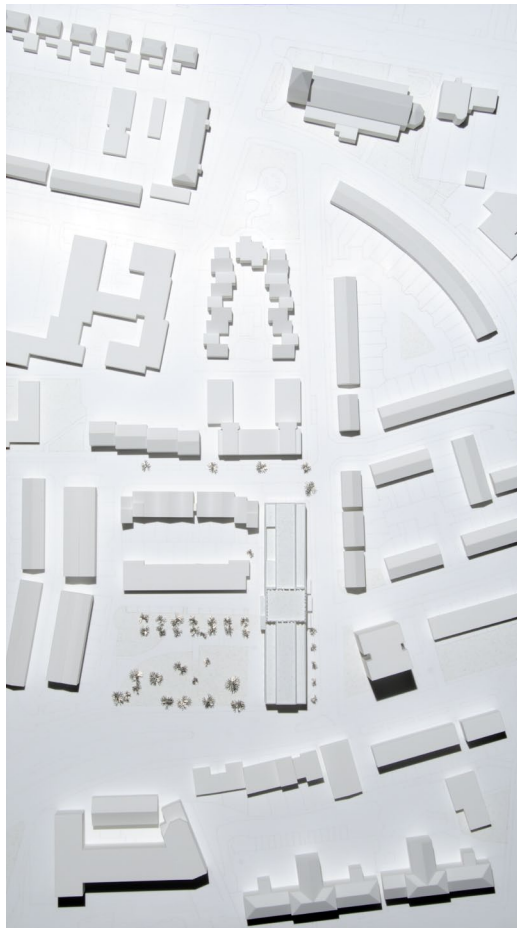
The plan form is simple – an 80m x 16m x 4-storey cuboid – but the massing and silhouette respect the scale of adjacent dwellings. The surface area is low, the ratio of floor area to façade efficient. It is planned to a module to which the column grid, windows and room dimensions conform. This offers flexibility and interchangeability of use. In the long term the building is planned for adaptive reuse for residential apartments. Thermal mass enables passive cooling and natural ventilation using glass louvres.

Artwork, at street level (Daniel Sturgis) and above the main stair (Paul Morrison), is not “stuck on” but infuses the building inside and out.

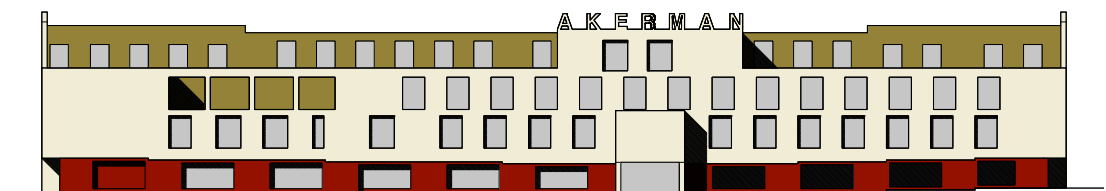
GIA 5,186m²; Annual energy consumption 51.6kWhrs/m²; CO₂ emissions 12.9 kgCO₂/m²; certified BREEAM Excellent.



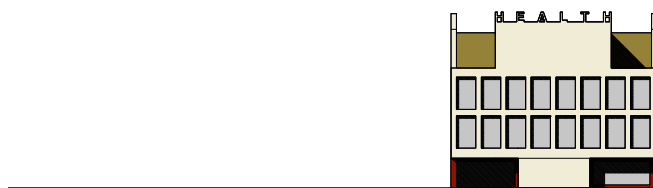




East facade



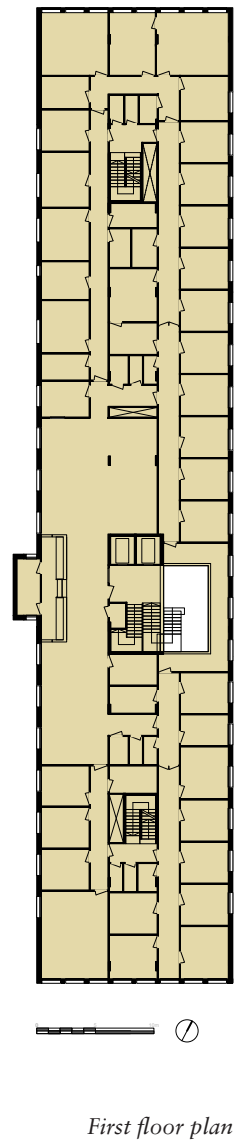
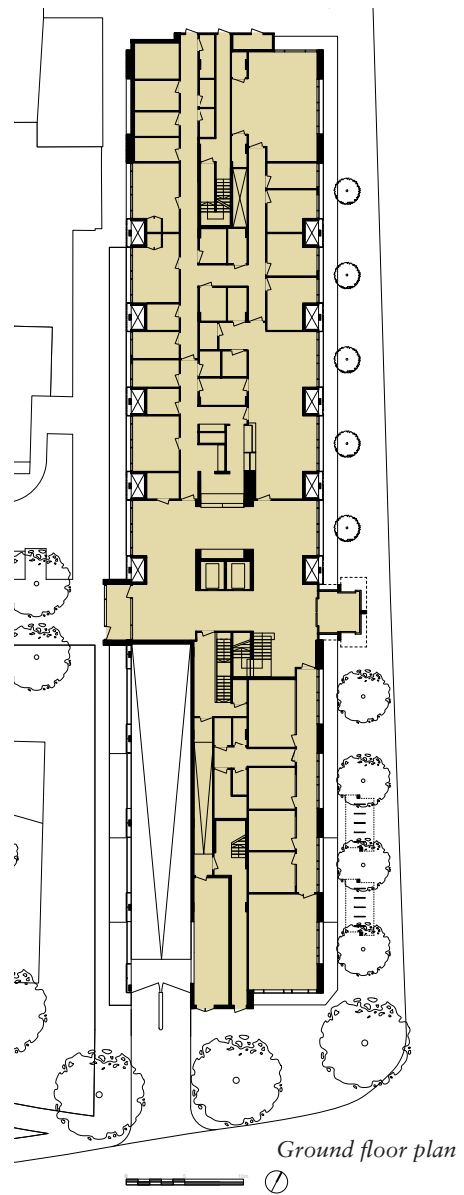
West facade

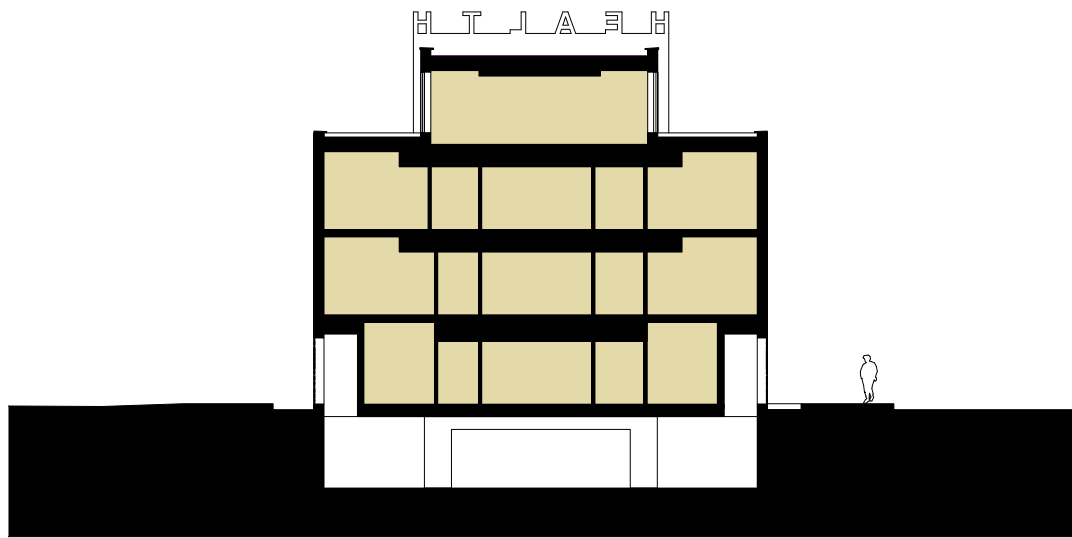


South facade

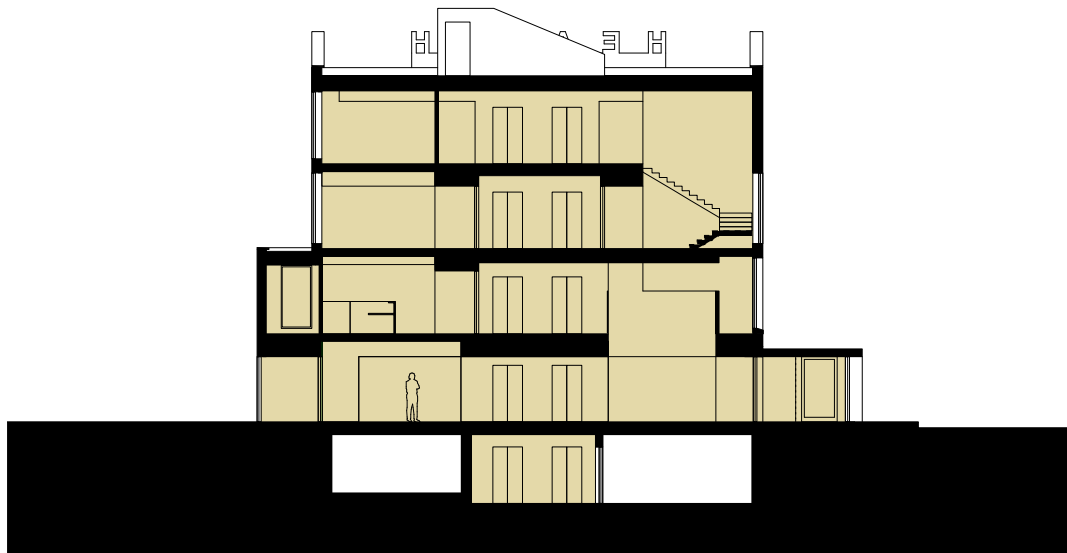


North facade

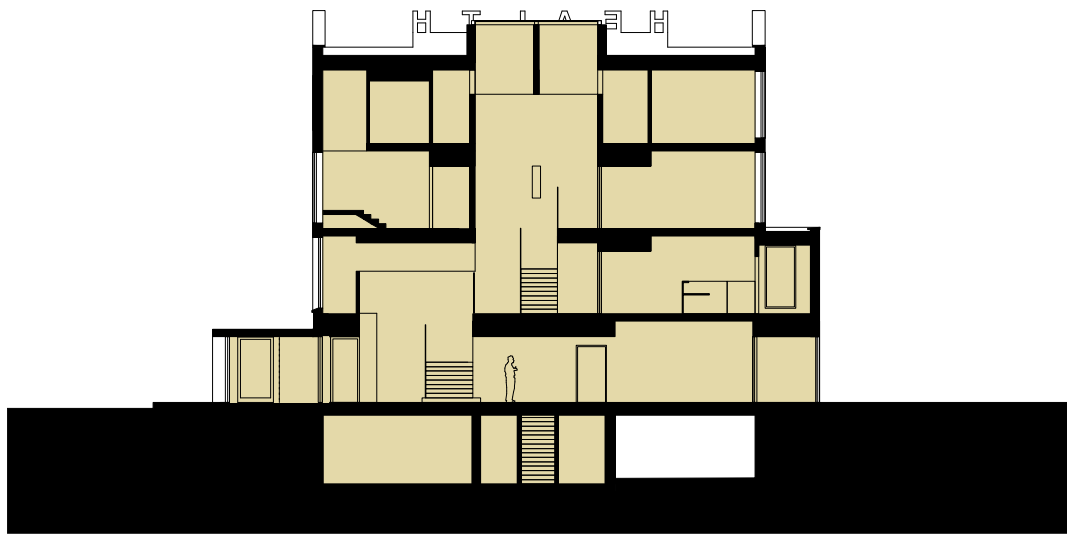




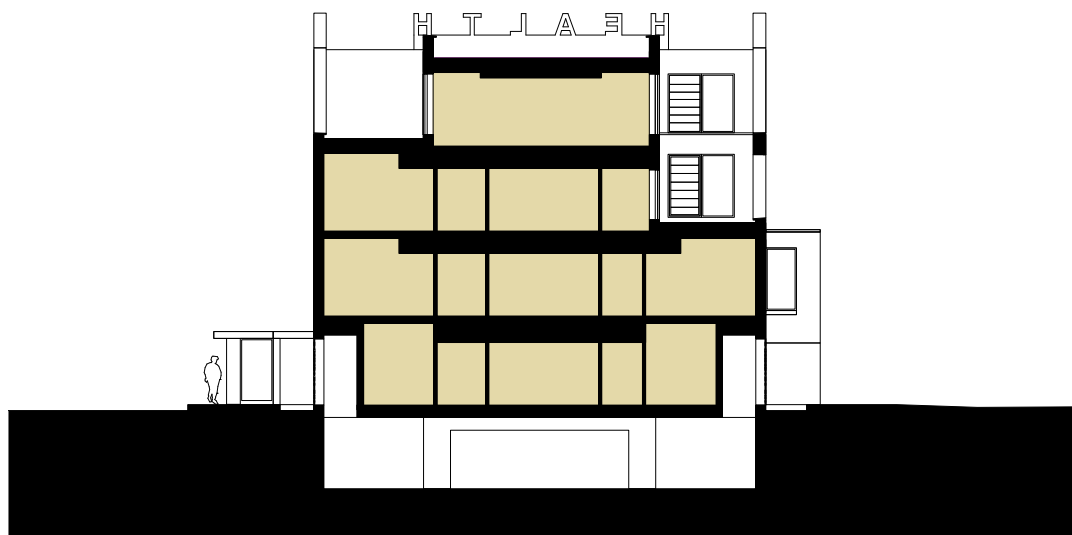
Section AA - typical section looking north



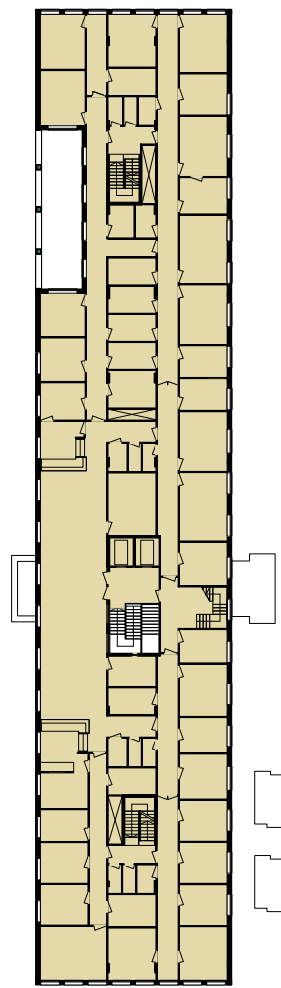
Section BB - looking north through the "crossing"



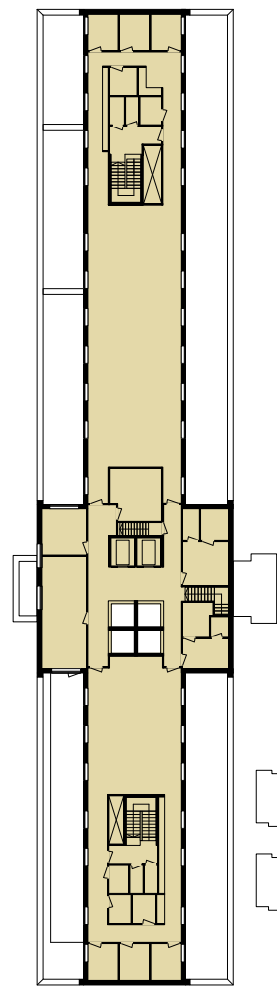
Section CC - looking south through central stair



Section DD - looking south through Cromwell Road Gardens



Second floor plan



Third floor plan





