

BEST USE OF TIMBER 2012 SHORTLIST

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HOUSE AT BORRERAIG

Location: Glendale, Isle of Skye
Date Completed: September 2010
Building Type: Residential
Architect: Dualchas Building Design
Contract Value: £470,000
Main Contractor: Donald MacKenzie of Dunvegan
Timber Supplier: Caley Timber

THE PROJECT

The building consists of three separate elements, each containing a distinct function: the living accommodation, the bedroom wing, and a studio space. These elements share a common form and external finish; simple pitched roofs with horizontal timber cladding. Their arrangement on the site forms a sheltered entrance terrace between.

USE OF TIMBER

Externally the building is clad in a Siberian Larch horizontal rain screen cladding. This build-up allows the gutters, rone-pipes and sliding shutters to be concealed, emphasising the simple forms. The window openings, framed simply in Larch, are carefully lined through to avoid any cutting of board widths. Sliding shutters enhance security when the building is not in use. As the timber weathers, it will become silver, echoing the profiled metal roof finish.

The internal finishes are equally consistent, with Oak-faced plywood lining the walls and ceilings throughout. The joints of these panels have been carefully lined through with the 600x600mm Caithness stone tiles. The wall panelling in the living spaces and bedrooms, conceals cupboards, wardrobes and doors. The warmth of the Oak finish is heightened by the use of horizontal concealed lighting in the open plan living area.



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