

5.3.4 BUILDING WIDTH

**Trim and slim**

Building width has an impact on overall flexibility of use and the ability to personalise spaces, as well as on the vertical rhythms and amount of active frontage when seen in elevation.

Buildings comprising 5-7m wide daylit ‘cells’ or ‘modules’ provide an extremely flexible form. Each cell can be combined as desired and relates to a small shop or terraced house, for instance. Below about 5,5m it will be more difficult to add rear extensions without blocking light and ventilation.



Verticality, rhythm and colour: Dublin

<b>Homes for the Future, Glasgow: <i>An exciting new vision of city living</i></b>	
Location	Located on the edge of Glasgow Green, adjacent to St. Andrew’s Square to the east of the City Centre.
Design Team	Masterplanner: Page and Park Architects: Elder and Cannon; Rick Mather Architects; Ian Ritchie Architects; Ushida Findlay; Mc Keown Alexander; Wren Rutherford; RMJM
Project	300 new homes, comprising ten residential blocks designed by a number of prominent architects.
Details	Homes for the Future is an exciting demonstration project that shows how a variety of modern forms and styles can be designed as a coherent whole when perimeter blocks are used as a structuring device and a certain homogeneity of materials is applied. This was achieved by adhering to a development and design brief that clearly specified building types, the hierarchy of spaces and the urban design principles.
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