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MILTON KEYNES
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LOST GARDEN,
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Lost Garden City Found defends and enriches the Garden City environment of Milton Keynes at the same time as increasing density and diversity. The process of densification underway in the city centre follows a familiar pattern of loft-style apartment living for the disposable income urbanite. The proposal intends to develop communal and private outdoor spaces as well as providing flexible and generous apartments. Three buildings sit as objects within a communal garden defined by a low and deep hedge, paths cross the garden and car parking is contained within the hedge. The garden clearly belongs to the group of apartment buildings but is not gated or fenced off and is visually open to the outside. The solid wood construction is dense enough to provide thermal mass and good sound insulation and is a sustainable material that makes use of off-cut waste products of the timber industry.

