

Soup Architects gets the OK to convert farm buildings

Soup Architects has won permission to turn disused farm buildings in Suffolk into a family home with holiday accommodation. Babergh District Council planners gave the thumbs-up to the scheme located within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty on the Shotley Peninsula, between the rivers Stour and Orwell. The scheme will transform a disused tractor store into a four or five-bedroom house and replace a dilapidated grain store with two holiday homes. *EJ*



Loyn & Co wins approval for field-inspired farmland home

Loyn & Co's designs for a house on farmland in rural Northamptonshire have won approval under the so-called 'country house clause'. The Cardiff-based practice's proposals will create a 475m²

family home on a 3.3ha site of open grassland east of Market Harborough. According to Loyn & Co, which won the Manser Medal in 2014 with its 'brave and contemporary' Stormy Castle house, the plan reflects the geometry of the surrounding field patterns. *EJ*



Ström Architects' retreat for nature lovers approved

Ström Architects has received planning permission for a new family home by a creek on the Isle of Wight. The single-storey 200m² property, dubbed Island Rest, is designed with a focus on the natural surroundings, featuring direct access to the water and landscaping of mowed paths through wildflowers as well as views of the Solent. Work is due to start on site in the autumn. *EJ*