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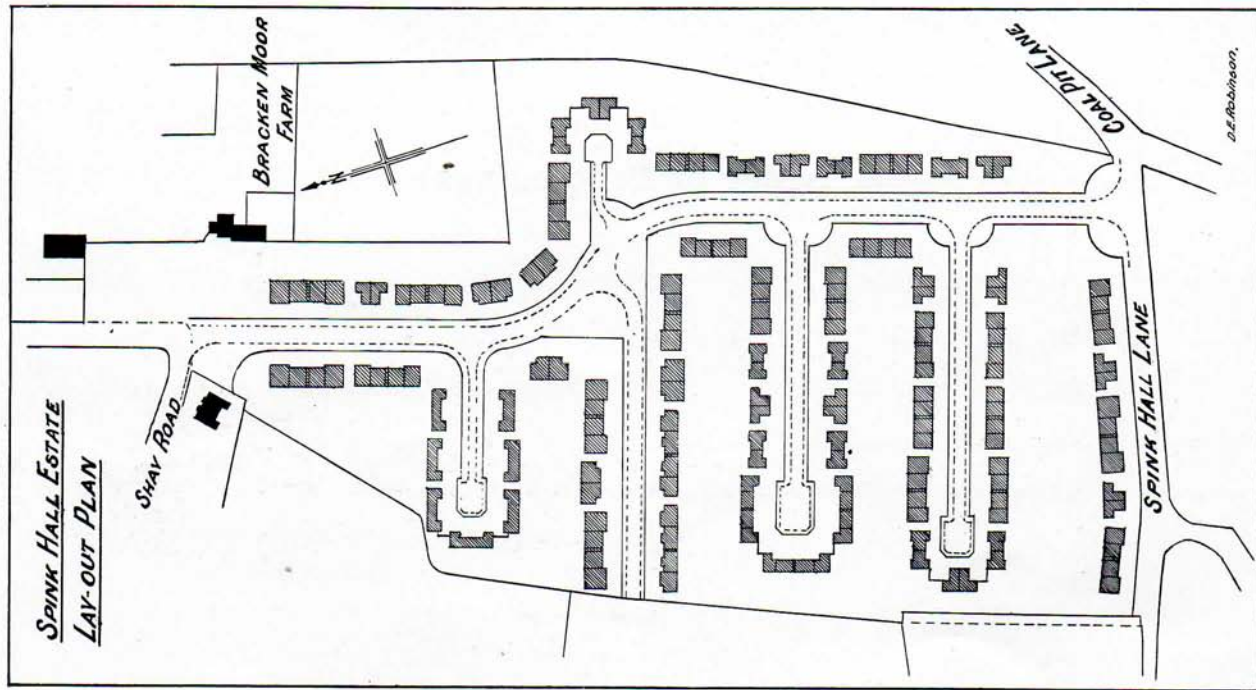
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by

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on the 18th March, 1939



d.E. Robinson.

LAY-OUT PLAN

The Spink Hall Housing Estate

THE NEED FOR HOUSES.

THE recent Housing legislation and the resulting surveys carried out revealed a need for a large housing scheme to rehouse the people living in unfit houses, and those families living in overcrowded conditions as defined by the Housing Act of 1935, and who cannot obtain suitable accommodation in privately-owned houses.

It has also become apparent that there are a number of people urgently requiring houses though not actually living under the conditions described.

This Housing Estate has been evolved to meet these needs.

THE SITE.

The Spink Hall Site was finally chosen by reason of the suitable gradient, the close proximity to the school, the link with the existing Shay House Estate, and the general accessibility.

The Site comprises 15.598 acres of which 9.913 acres were purchased from the Vicar of Bolsterstone, 2.488 acres from the Stocksbridge Co-operative Society Ltd., and 3.197 acres from Mr. F. B. Kenworthy. It lies to the east of the school between Spink Hall Lane and Shay Road.

On the Council's instructions, their Surveyor, Mr. D. E. Robinson, surveyed the Site and prepared drawings showing the lay-out and the suggested types of houses.

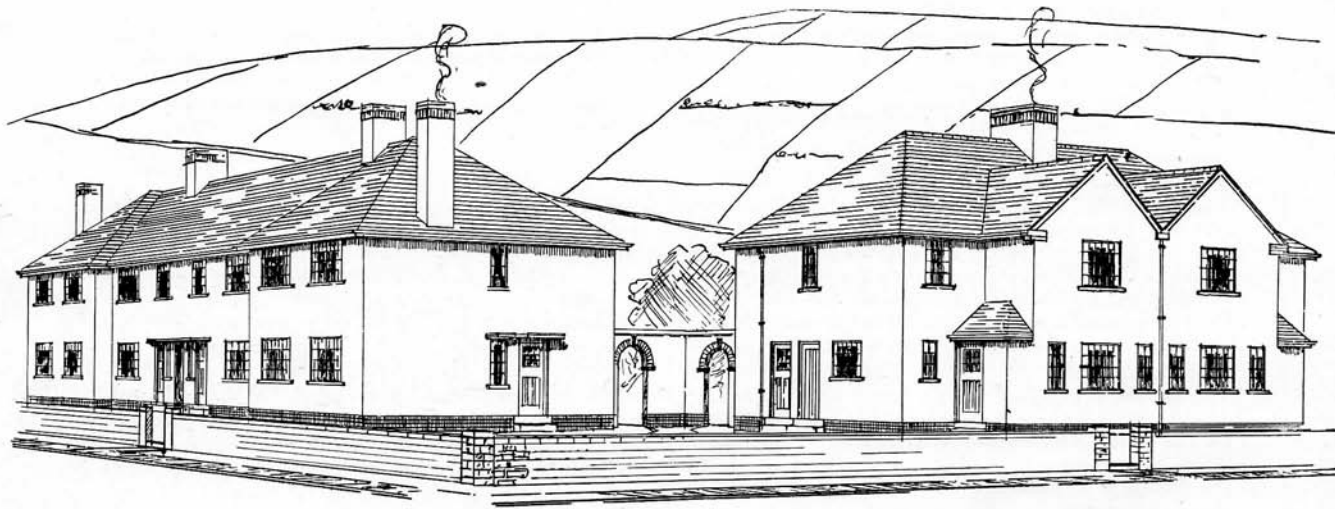
THE LAY-OUT.

The lay-out is designed to give access between Spink Hall Lane and Shay Road by means of one through road, and other streets run east and west and are designed as cul-de-sacs to limit traffic and to give the best position for the houses with respect to gradient.

There are approximately 12 houses to the acre, and as will be seen from the lay-out plan, adequate space around the buildings is provided.

THE HOUSES.

The survey of families requiring rehousing revealed that the families varied from 14 persons to 1 person, and thus varying types of houses had to be included in the scheme. The largest houses have six bedrooms, and the smallest, the aged persons' houses, have one bedroom. The larger houses have, as far as practicable, been grouped together. The 180 houses comprising the Estate are of the following types :—



PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF TYPES C AND D.

Number of houses of each type.	Reference Letter on Drawings.	Type of House.	Superficial Area.	Providing accommodation for number of persons.	Cost.
			Feet.		£
6	A	B.6	1412	14	641
6	A	A.1	658	3	346
8	B	B.4	1181	9	534
8	C	B.4	1198	10	536
8	C	A.4	1047	7	472
6	D	B.4	1178	9	531
4	E	B.4	1160	9	531
22	F	A.3	776	5	375
22	G	A.3	818	6	410
36	H	A.3	870	6	412
20	J	A.2	655	4	364
20	K	A.3	822	5	380
14	L	A.1	380	2	265

NOTES.—The cost does not include Streets and Sewers.

Types of Houses :—B—denotes Parlour type. A—denotes Scullery type, and the figure following denotes the number of bedrooms. Thus B.4 is a Parlour house with 4 bedrooms.

The Urban District Council were very anxious that the scheme, whilst giving the best possible accommodation that could be afforded, should be suitable for the district in appearance, and they accordingly decided to submit the complete scheme to the panel of architects constituted by the Sheffield and Peak District Branch of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England. This course was taken, and the panel, expressing their satisfaction with the scheme as a whole, made suggestions with regard to the colour of the facings, and an alteration of the roof line of 3 blocks of houses. These suggestions have been followed, and the Council are indebted to the panel for the assistance which they gave.

The use of stone facings was naturally considered, but the cost was found to be prohibitive.

The best fittings that could reasonably be afforded have been included. The houses are lighted by electricity; gas is provided for the heating of the first bedroom and for washing, and is made available for cooking, if desired by the tenant.

The Contractors for the whole scheme are Messrs. Walters & Westley, of 117, Springfield Road, Sheffield.

The total cost of the scheme will be approximately £83,350.

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