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Above Mastin Moor residential high support unit, designed by OMI Architects for Turning Point Building Futures, provides supported housing for people with learning disabilities. The objective is to 'provide a non-institutionalised, domestic setting where the local community's most marginalised people can lead full and normal lives'. A courtyard plan arrangement provides a focus to the main circulation system within, brings increased levels of daylight and air into the interior, and makes for ease of movement between inside and outside. 'This serves to promote what we refer to as a process of "planned meandering" in a secure environment at the heart of the building', explains the architect. The building is constructed from Kingspan SIPs, and clad in square-edge tongue and groove boarding of stained Siberian larch, with two types of brickwork – textured buff (Taylor Maxwell) and white (Wienerberger, Taylor Maxwell). Roofs are preweathered anthracite standing seam zinc (VM Zinc). Horizontal sliding aluminium windows are by Kawneer.