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We are a progressive, design-led practice of landscape architects and urban-designers operating throughout the UK from our strategically located studios in London and Manchester.

We offer a strongly collaborative working approach to deliver real added value – culminating in numerous award-winning projects for our clients.

In particular, we have an excellent record of gaining planning consent for our clients in sensitive locations. This expertise is grounded in our approach to explore and consider specific site and environmental context, enhancing the relationship between the site and it’s surroundings, with due cognisance of the planning requirements.

Quality Placemaking for Thriving Communities

We undertake projects that have a high degree of functional and visual cohesion. This includes work in the cultural heritage and restoration sectors and as consultants on visitor destinations.

Successfully completed projects restoring public parks and historic monuments gives us an understanding of place making. We seek to encourage community uses that add value to the experience of landscape, whilst conserving the site’s individual identity.

This approach is applicable to residential landscape design. Not just for conversions and heritage settings but also to new developments where quality public realm and landscape have a real impact on property values.
Site Planning and Added Value of Landscape Design

Our understanding of residential site planning starts with the appreciation that new homes (often on greenfield sites) must relate to their landscape setting, and how public spaces can be designed to improve visual quality, enhance communities and deliver good places.

Typically, many sites have limited existing mature landscape. The challenge is to design the layout in to imply a greater age and maturity to the site than exists. Massing and arrangement of built forms will also impact on sense of place through aspects such as enclosure and materials selection.

Future settlements depend on sustainable methods of resource management. The health & well-being of communities, preservation and conservation of nature and provision of intelligent landscape infrastructure will need to work together if we are to successfully build the new homes we require.

Services We Offer

We design residential landscape including public spaces, gardens, streetscape, squares, green infrastructure and urban ecology. We offer a full range of design services from landscape appraisal, to detail design and site inspections.

Our services also include Landscape & Visual Impact Assessments (LVIAs) related to sensitive developments. We offer an independent and impartial assessment of landscape character and impacts to build a robust, defendable support for planning.
Selected Projects
2017-2018

Ordsall Lane Residential Development
Salford
Wadebridge Housing
The development framework follows on from the strategy. The strategy proposes to retain the hedges that 'vertically' divide the fields. These hedges which run perpendicular to the contours will be augmented to remain visible from distant views. It is proposed that these green spaces provide visual relief and breaks between the proposed buildings.

Building form will be diverse. Terraces placed to rise up the site will allow 'green' views across back gardens and minimise elevational impact from across the valley. Terraces running along contours will have variable ridge & eaves lines, and with bays or gables, to break up dominant horizontal lines.

Existing hedgerows break up the site and screen houses from one another. The strategy is to retain hedgerows, to break up the visual impact from across the valley, to provide ecological habitats and to create screening within the development.

There are a number of fine trees imbedded in hedgerows. These can be protected and augmented to provide a long term green structure that further enhances views in and across the site.
East End Thames View/William St Quarter, Hackney
Former Malsis School, Cross Hills, Keighley
Residential Development, Sports Strategy and
Trauma Care Facility
Great Charles Place Residential and Mixed Use Development
Goldsmith Street, Norwich
Residential
UK - Norwich
Goldsmith Street
Working with Mikhail Riches Architects, Plincke are developing landscape proposals for this new residential development in Norwich on behalf of Norwich City Council.

The masterplan is formed of east to west lines of new terraced houses and flats, with new streets affording on street parking and shared space designs.

The proposals include for a wide variety of new landscaped spaces which reinforce the architectural and masterplan layout. The plan includes for private front and back gardens, communal gardens and new public realm. The existing southern parkland area is linked and extended into the center of the site terminating in a large new square and the heart of the site.

To the north east a large area has been designed for play and social amenity for both existing and future residents.

Tree and planting species are being used to reinforce routes with flowering ornamental species marking axis and focal points. Where possible, pre grown ivy fences are being used instead of weld mesh and brick walls to provide instant low maintenance greening to front and rear garden aspects.
Ham Mill, Stroud
8.5 Detailed Landscape Areas

A. Mill Yard square
This central space is located next to the restored Grade II listed Mill. A pedestrian prioritized area formed of large setts with a line of pleached trees to provide some vertical scale and shade to a potential outdoor cafe area. An open space which is designed for flexibility to host potential events and markets, whilst leaving open views of the restored Mill building and river.

B. Play amenity space (under 5’s)
Play spaces have been located near residential areas for strong passive surveillance and away from main vehicular axis points. Designed to be robust and hard wearing, the play spaces provide an environment for imaginative play rather than formal equipment, such as play mounds and a varied topography. Partly enclosed with low fences and planting, trees will provide some seasonal interest and shade whilst use of artificial grass will provide a all year round playable surface.
This new mixed-use development proposes 3 new residential blocks. The scheme also utilises all roof roofs provide a greatly increased site, and providing much improved link to the existing site. Large clumps of birch and hornbeam trees mark a key access points into the development whilst also significantly increasing site biodiversity. The green and brown roofs provide a greatly increased site biodiversity value through wildflower communities. The green and brown breakout space to be shared by new development into the wider context section of public realm, linking new and the refurbishment of Empire House, a 1980s tower North of Chiswick High Road. Building on small of this section of the design and access statement has been prepared by.

Quality of life: to improve the quality of life of residents and the local community. To contribute to safety and security by promoting an active and pleasant space with clear site lines and following the wider requirements of secure by design by, for example, the provision of defensible planting where appropriate.

Healthy living which is connected to the outdoors and improves quality of life. To encourage well-being, promote sustainable and healthy environment. Sustainable design: to achieve code for sustainable homes level 4 as a high-quality residential: to create high-quality homes in a safe and local community and to respect and compliment the local heritage.

The scheme utilises all roof roofs to create a pleasant, enjoyable and safe space for new residents and the local community; to provide opportunity for external integrated play space, seating and general amenity; to contribute to the provision of allotment beds, lawn areas and amenity, green and brown roofs.

The scheme also adopts a 'play on spaces for private or communal integrated play space within the public realm. Utilise roof space for residents use, supplement individual units amenity spaces and to promote improvement to Chiswick High Road means of escape and increase the sites biodiversity and suds; to create a pleasant, enjoyable and safe space for new residents and the local community; to provide opportunity for external integrated play space, seating and general amenity; to contribute to the provision of allotment beds, lawn areas and amenity, green and brown roofs.
Putney Plaza, London
Leicester University
Student Accommodation