

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

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Project catalogue



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HTA Design LLP is an award winning practice with 50 years experience in the design and realisation of great housing and sustainable places to live.

Formed in 1969 as Hunt Thompson Associates and known for innovative approaches to community architecture, our work today continues to be informed by an appreciation of context and understanding of stakeholder aspirations specific to each project.

Celebrating our 50th birthday in 2019, we have evolved into a truly multidisciplinary practice that brings together Architecture, Communications, Community Engagement, Interior Design, Landscape Design, Planning Consultancy, Research, Sustainability and Urban Design, allowing for the opportunity of a fully integrated design approach

Our people centred approach is a fundamental part of our practice culture and we were thrilled to be recognised as an AJ100 Employer of the Year as well as Clients' Choice winner as a result. Our landscape team also won the BD AYA Public Realm Architect of the Year award in recognition of their continued success in delivering great places.

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The Team

Our philosophy is to be responsive to each place, recognise its unique qualities, and to anticipate new and innovative urban and landscape forms. We understand the importance of creating environments that are contextual in character and appearance, respect the cultural heritage, are robust, long lasting and biodiverse, and which inspire and encourage social interaction.







Cator Park

Kidbrooke Village, RB Greenwich
for: Berkeley Homes

HTA redesigned Cator Park in collaboration with the London Wildlife Trust. The new parkland offers a legacy for both the local community and for London; bringing people together and forming a sense of place. The proposals will introduce a diverse habitat mosaic with a destination sculptural playspace, whilst creating corridors through the site for both wildlife and people.





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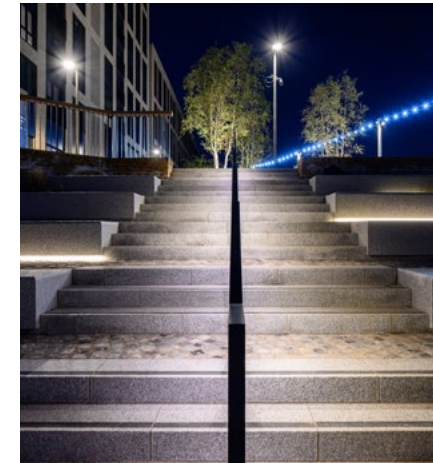




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Greenford Quay

Greenford, LB Ealing
for: Greystar

The HTA masterplan for Greenford Quay will revitalise 8.64 hectares of derelict industrial land adjacent to the historic Grand Union Canal to create a dynamic mixed-use neighbourhood with public realm at its heart. Seven new residential blocks will provide a total of 1,965 new homes, of which a substantial 75% will be Build-to-Rent and 590 affordable homes, all set within a network of green spaces. The first phase of the HTA scheme has now been delivered.











A generous 40% of Greenford Green will consist of high quality public open space with the Grand Union Canal at its centre.

The scheme will include a new pedestrian bridge over the canal linking the two sides of the site. This network of spaces includes tree lined streets, a landmark central square, generous green parks, children's play areas and an activated canal-side.



Greenford Quay



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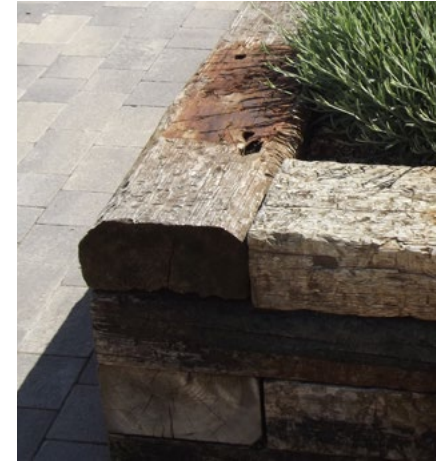
Greenford Quay



The public realm has been designed to activate the ground floor uses of the surrounding buildings, which will include shops and workspaces, a supermarket, restaurants, cafés, public gym and a boutique cinema.

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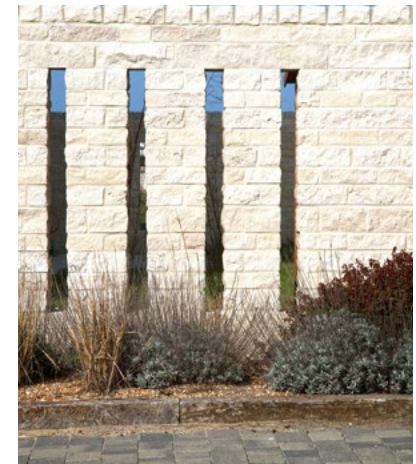
Officer's Field

Weymouth, Dorset
for: ZeroC

Officer's Field, on the Portland Peninsula in Dorset, presented both major opportunities and challenges for the HTA team.

With all the heritage of England's well-loved coastal towns to enrich the design process, the site was also awkward in shape with dramatic topography. The input of the landscape team was thus vital in fusing a liveable, thriving development with this distinctive landscape.

Local materials were used throughout the development including Portland Stone. Steps and split level homes were integrated to create connections.





HTA's design makes life on the Peninsula more convenient, improving the relationship of the site to the surrounding streets and open spaces, and forming beautiful, protected, new public places for its residents. It does not seek to shut out or circumvent its natural environment, however. The scheme forges new connections with winding Portland stone steps cut into the landscape to take advantage of the site's aspect and provide dramatic views across the peninsula and beyond to Chesil Beach.





The Water Gardens

*Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire
for: Dacorum Borough Council*

HTA's restoration of the Water Gardens opened to the public in the summer of 2017. The Gardens were originally designed by Geoffrey Jellicoe, the foremost 20th century British landscape architect and are a highly significant example of post-war twentieth century modernist landscape. The scheme was placed on English Heritage's Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in 2010.



When HTA were appointed, the Gardens were 50 years old and had fallen into disrepair. The project has created a revitalised and well-used park. At its centre is the restored Flower Garden, with massed roses and perennial planting framed with pleached limes. A serpentine woodland walk runs alongside the River Gade punctuated with balconies overhanging the water. New facilities have been provided to increase use and encourage people to stay longer. These include a new play space and a pavilion set within a working garden to provide facilities for the gardener and friends of the park.

The Water Gardens are once again an outstanding public space and source of pride to local residents and won the Landscape Institute's Heritage and Conservation Award 2017.





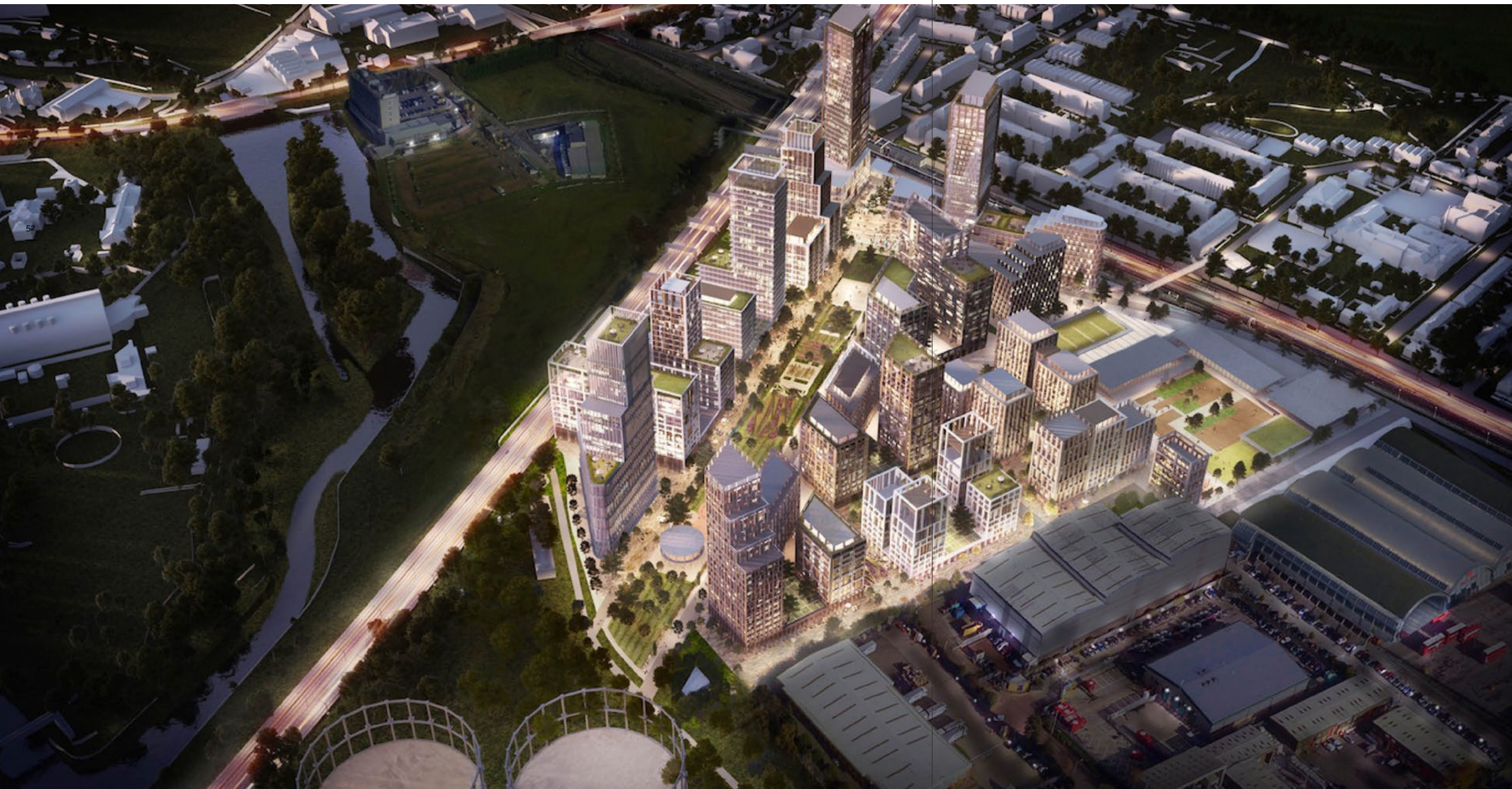


Stephenson Street

*West Ham, LB Newham
for: Berkeley Homes*

Stephenson Street is a major mixed use regeneration scheme of the former Parcellforce depot, south of the Olympic Park on an iconic location by the Lea River. The development will transform an unused and unloved piece of industrial land in East London into a lively mixed use development with 60% of the site designed as greenspace.

The scheme will deliver 4,000 homes, a state of the art secondary school of 1,000 pupils, two community hubs, a new entrance into West Ham Station and 25,000 sqm of shops, restaurants and community facilities.



Integral to this will be the public realm including a 5 acre public park, a Science Garden connecting to the new Science Academy, a Piazza and a Central square connecting the station to the park.

Studio and maker-spaces will bring creativity, forming a place where people love to live, work and visit. It will be home to a strong, diverse and resilient community that is inclusive, innovative and that builds on West Ham's rich industrial heritage.

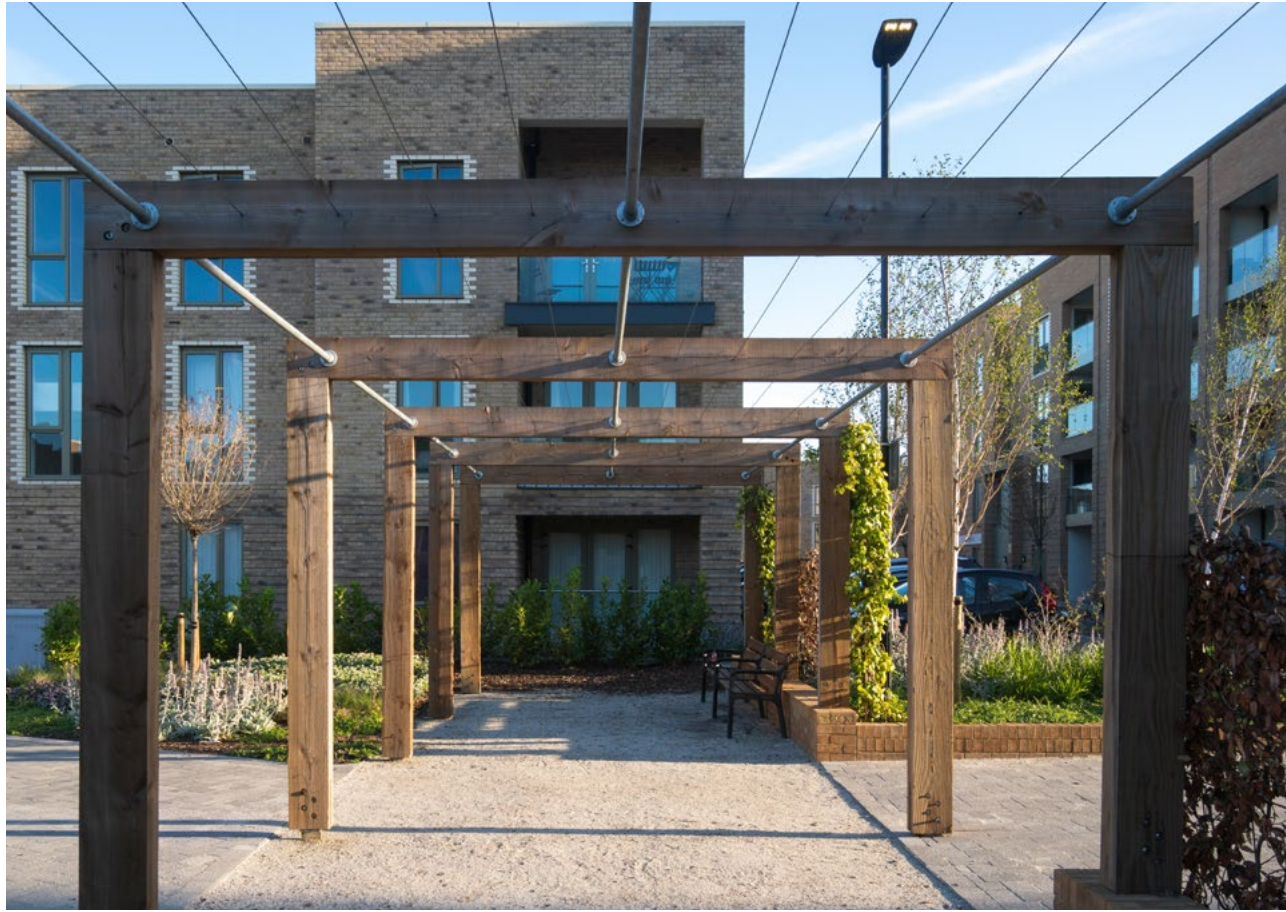




Trinity Square

LB Barnet
for: Barratt David
Wilson North Thames

The site is identified in the Adopted London Plan as the 'Colindale and Burnt Oak Opportunity Area' - an area where both the size and demographic of the population, and the quality and flexibility of the built environment and public realm, could be dramatically enhanced. The site consists of 396 new homes and three public amenity spaces, in line with the established aims of the Colindale Area Action Plan. The scheme promotes a sustainable pedestrian and cyclist friendly network of streets, and improves the development's connections with surrounding areas.



Trinity Square



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George Street

LB Croydon
for: Tide Construction

The landscape proposal joins the new public realm to a network of public routes and spaces linking to the wider context such as East Croydon Station, George street and Park Hill Park. New tree and shrub planting will create a welcoming green thoroughfare with seating and cycle route.

In the Mezzanine Garden raised planters, specimen trees and water features will form a series of 'rooms' where residents and visitors can gather to socialise, relax and dine. Balcony views will look out on to College Road whilst the upper level roof terraces will offer outdoor lounges with stunning panoramic views across the city. These flexible spaces also offer opportunity for resident events and activities such as outdoor yoga.

External lighting is provided throughout to create a safe, usable and atmospheric space in the evenings. The whole scheme takes into consideration Croydon's vision for more vibrant and active, pedestrian friendly spaces.





Hanham Hall

Bristol
for: Barratt Homes

Each of HTA's disciplines worked collaboratively in the design and delivery of Hanham Hall. The scheme harnesses nature to create a truly symbiotic relationship between people and their environment. While it is the flagship Carbon Challenge scheme promoted by the Homes and Communities Agency and is England's first and only large scale housing scheme delivering zero carbon homes, its design recognises that building a sustainable community is not just about meeting codes.



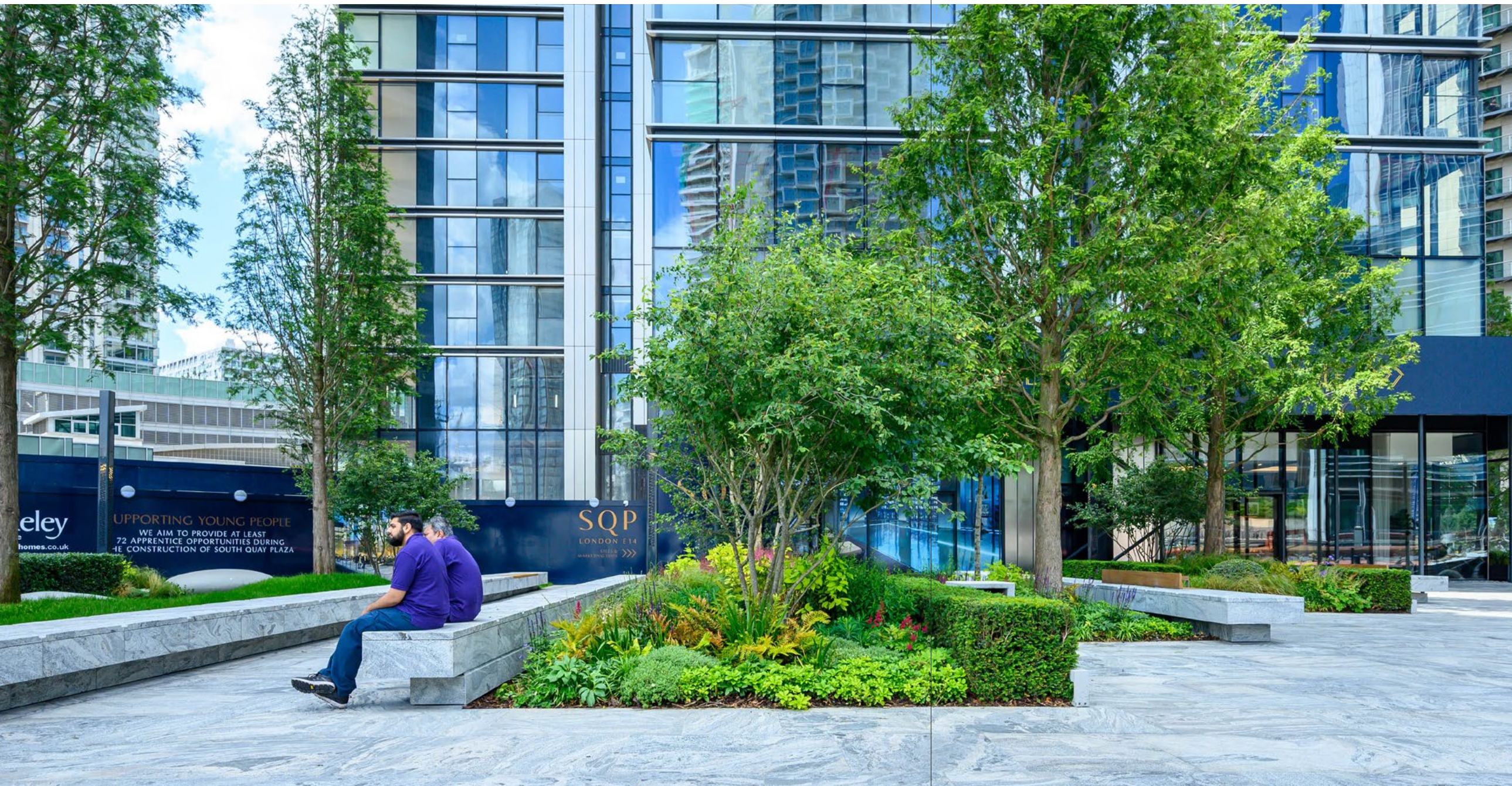


The landscape and homes at Hanham are designed to foster community spirit, sustainable lifestyles and a sense of security, all of which will contribute to an engaged and committed community, that will grow and strengthen over generations.







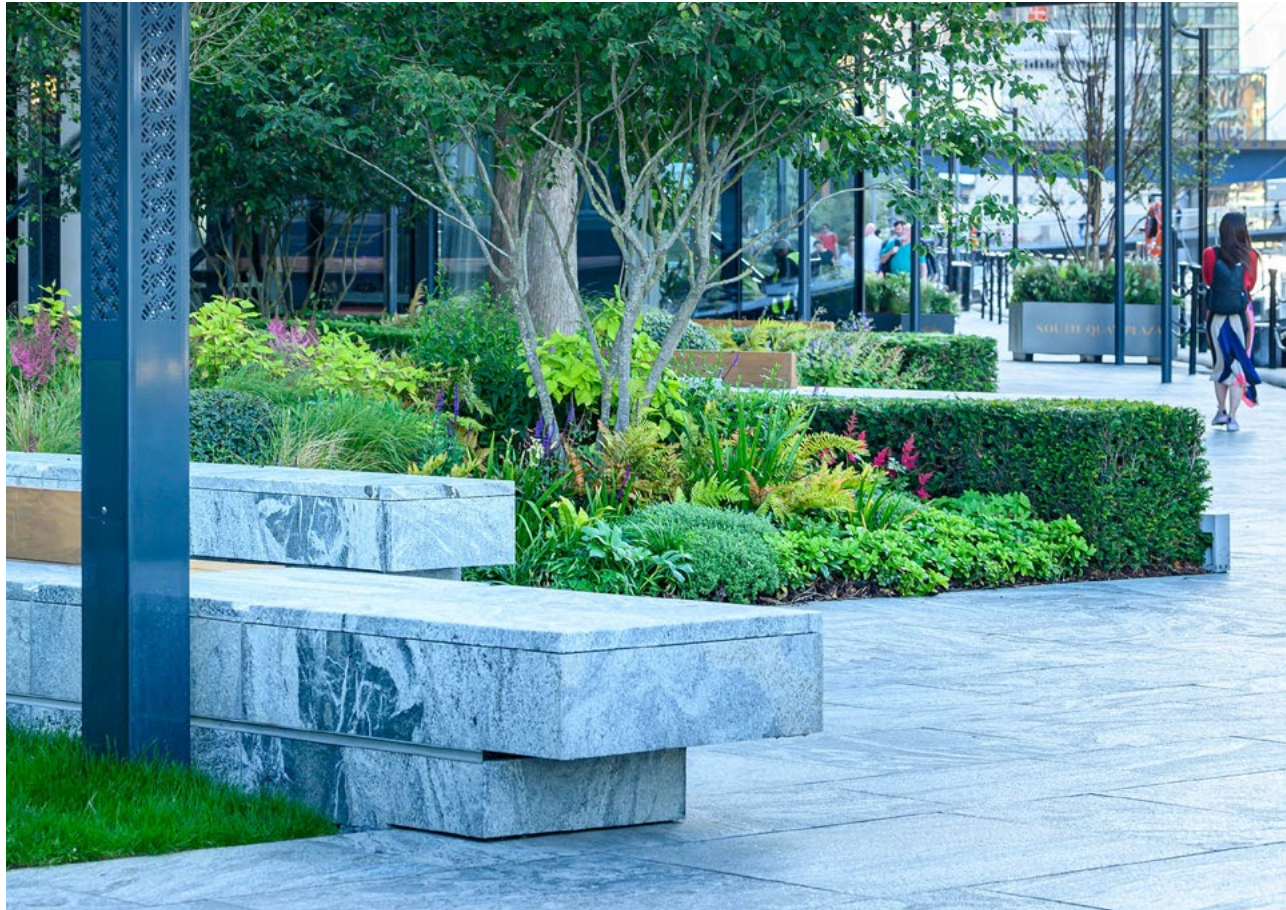


South Quay Plaza

Canary Wharf, LB Newham
for: Berkeley Homes

Located in the highly desirable South Quay Plaza in Canary Wharf, HTA has designed a high quality public realm for three of the UK's tallest residential mixed use towers by Foster and Partners.

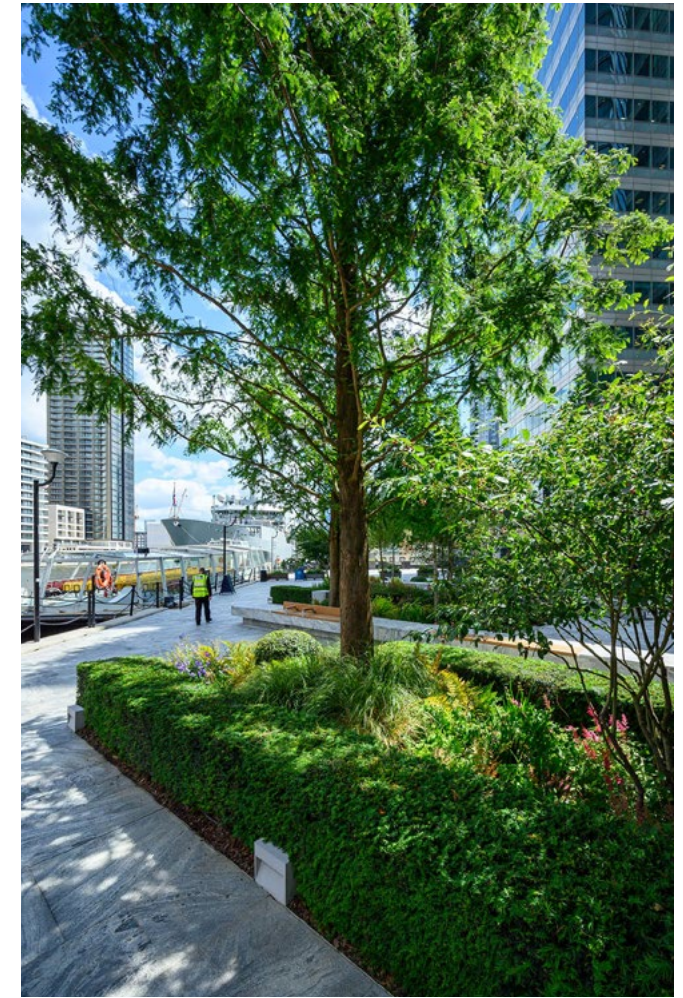
In contrast to the densely developed surroundings, the new public realm will offer residents the opportunity for play, eating, strolling or relaxation promoting a rich public presence at the base of the towers.



South Quay Plaza



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Offsetting the impressive height of the buildings, the public park will consist of a series of tranquil gardens, framed by trees, that provide visual interest, high levels of amenity and play for children.





Acton Gardens

South Acton, LB Ealing
for: Countryside Properties, L&Q

The scheme comprises 271 new homes in 6 blocks ranging from 5-12 storeys providing a mix of tenures - affordable rent, shared ownership, private sale and private for rent.

The urban perimeter block has been carefully configured to provide breaks in the buildings to maximise sunlight into the internal courtyard.



The courtyard at Acton Gardens provides a beautiful tranquil space for residents in the heart of this new neighbourhood. Views through generous openings in the blocks give an enticing and leafy impression of the landscape inside, in addition to ensuring that the courtyard is filled with sunlight.

Central to the scheme is the retention of the existing acacia trees which provide instant maturity and appeal from the outset; their light foliage acting as a foil to the interior elevations and backdrop. A second group of trees is introduced to their south to frame a central lawn and create the feeling of a garden set in a woodland glade.



South Acton - Phase 5



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Cane Hill

Coulsdon, LB Croydon
for: Barratt Homes

Our vision for Cane Hill sets the new development within a mature framework of woodland, hedgerows and trees, providing a highly attractive and substantially green neighbourhood from the outset. This ambitious project has created a strong sense of identity that provides new facilities for Coulsdon and opened-up access to the greenbelt.

A new country park is the principle organising feature around which the neighbourhood is structured. It provides a walking and cycling route that winds through the existing mature trees to connect the central village green with Coulsdon Town Centre and the railway station. The new park forms part of a series of recreational trails that are suitable for a wide range of abilities; from short

circular walks within the site to longer distance trails through hitherto publicly inaccessible greenbelt fields that connect to the wider countryside.

The green infrastructure network links the open spaces within the development, combining recreational amenity and play with enhanced wildlife corridors and biodiversity. It encourages a healthy lifestyle by offering a wide range of uses and characters to appeal to a diverse audience. The new village green forms the focus of residential life at Cane Hill and provides the perfect start to walks that enjoy the dramatic landscape of the North Downs chalk uplands.







Cane Hill



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Elephant & Castle

Vesbury Estate

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Aylesbury Estate

Walworth, LB Southwark
for: Notting Hill Genesis

HTA designed the masterplan for the redevelopment of South London's vast Aylesbury Estate

The new Aylesbury Estate is designed to become an attractive, green and fully integrated part of London. The public realm will be transformed with legible streets that cater for pedestrians and cyclists.

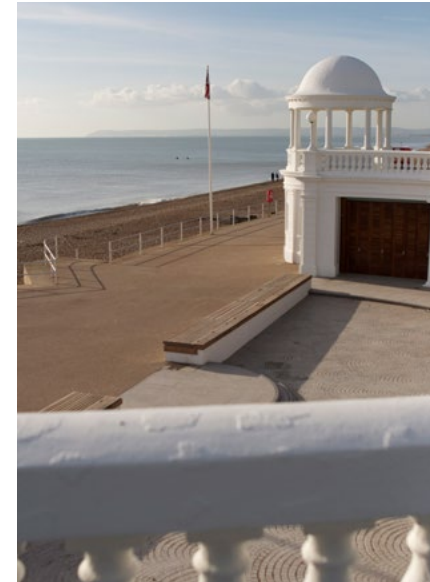
HTA is the lead designer of the first phase with Hawkins Brown and Mae Architects, whilst also delivering plot 18 which includes the new Aylesbury Square.



Aylesbury Estate



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Next Wave

Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex
for: Rother District Council

The transformation of the seafront and public realm surrounding the iconic Grade 1 listed De La Warr Pavilion has acted as a catalyst for the economic regeneration of this Edwardian seaside resort. HTA's design increased activity, accessibility, usability and biodiversity on the seafront, making it an attractive place for residents and visitors to spend time.





The promenade is now a biodiverse linear parkland that is beautiful, informative, highly adaptable and low maintenance; it received the Landscape Institute's 2012 highly commended award for design under 1 hectare. The judges said: 'This is a simple yet beautifully designed waterfront space. The process of plant selection and use should be held up as best practice.' Anecdotal evidence suggests that use of the promenade has increased ten-fold.

In place of the original, ill defined and underused space, HTA's design for the seafront gave each area a defined meaning and use, making it welcoming and dynamic. These new uses have helped to increase visitor numbers, extend the tourist season by creating an active 'year round' seafront, provide opportunities for publicity, and improve the economic sustainability and regeneration of the town.



Next Wave



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Porter's Edge



Porter's Edge

Canada Water, LB Southwark
for: Sellar Design & Development,
Notting Hill Genesis

Porter's Edge is the first phase to be delivered in a 3.1ha dockside regeneration scheme in Canada Water, London for Sellar Design & Notting Hill Genesis. The scheme delivers 235 purpose-built build-to-rent homes, retail, dockside public realm and a 3000sqm communal podium garden on the third floor. Porter's Edge is one of the first purpose-built build-to-rent schemes to be delivered in London and the project exemplifies the key role that the landscape has as a mechanism to cement new communities for this modern way of living.



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The waterfront public realm has been sensitively designed to respect the historic character of the area whilst incorporating new elements and spaces for people to meet and socialise.

Clusters of trees with informal seating boulders provide welcome rest points and views over the Canada Water Basin.

A simple palette of materials sets the precedent for the subsequent phases of the masterplan.



Porter's Edge includes a Woodland style garden on the 3rd floor which is in excess of 3000 square metres and contains 149 trees, 500 linear metres of native hedging, extensive under-planting and open meadows/lawn. In order to realise this vision and create a resilient landscape that can thrive for the coming decades, there needed to be a robust technical solution below the surface.

The podium was designed early on to facilitate large shared rooting volumes below the surface and a fully permeable surface throughout. There are no raised planters or edges. This has created a verdant scheme that can mature and flourish in conditions that are as close to a natural environment as possible.

The podium garden has created a rich green heart for the everyday life of the residents. The enthusiastic feedback from residents, the client and wider stakeholders has held the scheme up as a precedent for the remaining masterplan and the growing build-to-rent sector.



Porter's Edge



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Saffron Square

LB Croydon
for: Berkeley Homes

Saffron Square is situated in the heart of Croydon, on a site of less than one hectare. The mixed-use development consists of 791 new homes and is a brownfield regeneration site by Berkeley Homes. It comprises a landmark 45-storey residential tower alongside apartment blocks with extensive roof gardens and terraces, and ground-floor commercial units - all centred on the new public square that gives it its name.

HTA Design worked closely with Rolfe Judd Architects to develop the public realm and to facilitate movement through the site, connecting it with the wider urban area to create a coherent design at street and roof level.

Biodiverse private and communal gardens provide ecological benefits as well as opportunity for informal play.





Stevenage Town Centre Gardens

Stevenage, Hertfordshire
for: Stevenage Borough
Council

The gardens were designed as an integral part of the masterplan for Stevenage New Town, the first New Town in the UK. The gardens were constructed between 1959 and 1961 and were designed by Gordon Patterson, the landscape architect for Stevenage New Town. As its name suggests the gardens are located within the town centre providing amenity for the shoppers and workers of Stevenage as well as residents of the nearby flats and houses. The gardens are composed of two large open spaces with a lake, sensory gardens, play area and extensive tree and shrub planting and civic art.





The project to redesign the Gardens commenced in 2006 with public engagement over the summer months. Subsequently the masterplaning exercise gained support from the Heritage Lottery Fund and ultimately secured funding from the Parks for People fund. Works to the park were carried out over two phases, with the scheme completing in the summer of 2011.

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