

Crown Street Southwark, London



We were appointed by a project manager client to develop a Planning approved scheme and to provide them with information to discharge all landscape related Conditions for this proposed mixed use/ residential development which is composed of five distinct blocks.

The existing site is long in nature. Along one of its long edges it abuts a railway viaduct with arches which are currently occupied by local business'. Along a significant portion of the other long edge is a public Highway. To its shorter north and south ends the site connects to public Highways.

An important constraint imposed on our proposals was the need to provide the existing businesses located with the railway arches with vehicular access to allow for deliveries and service vehicles. In addition, we also needed to give the entire site the feel of a pedestrian focused zone. We therefore suggested that the carriageways and footways within our proposals should generally be designed as shared type spaces. This would provide an appropriate setting for this type of development.

At the heart of this development is a public open space. The space has been designed in such a way so as to be permeable to pedestrians along its north, south and east edges. The planting to the perimeter of this space will help to provide enclosure and provide defensible space between the shared vehicular surface and the pedestrian only zone. The planting within this space has been designed to create a variety of spaces where residents and friends can meet.



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