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We were appointed by our housing association client to provide them with supporting landscape architect's information to enable the submission of a detailed planning submission for this residential development on this brownfield site in east London.

The landscape design for this project was focused on three main areas; a private courtyard space at the heart of the scheme; a north/ south semi public space; and a connecting public path to the south plot boundary.

The courtyard has been designed to allow the flow of residents through this space as well as an area in which to stop and relax. A number of private gardens, a play area and an area of lawn have all been accommodated within this courtyard space.

As well as providing a pedestrian route through this proposed development, the north/ south space provides pedestrian entrances to the residential units fronting onto this zone of public realm. Street furniture has been incorporated into our landscape proposals to enable this area to be a space in which residents can relax and enjoy.

The brief for the south public footpath was to provide some defensible space between the ground floor units and members of the public. This was achieved by proposing a simple buffer strip of thorny planting.

Client Swan Housing

Architect StockWool

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