

Gascoigne West Barking, London

We were appointed by a Local Authority client as landscape architects on this proposed 850 residential unit and 350m² commercial/ community spaces development located to the south west of Barking town centre. Our scope was to provide a landscape architect's package of information to support an Outline Planning submission.

The proposed development site is 2.98ha in size and located at the northern and western edges of an existing low density Local Authority housing estate. The legibility of the existing footpath network within this estate is poorly defined with no hierarchy. To the west of the site is the thriving Ice House Quarter arts district which fronts onto the River Roding. Along the north and west boundaries of the site a significant number of mature London Plane trees are located. An existing local community of bats currently use part of the site for evening foraging.

Our landscape masterplan for this site was developed to identify a clear strategy and hierarchy for the public, semi private and private realm. It was our intention to create a clear distinction between these types of landscape zones and to connect them with a legible network of pedestrian links. The creation of a clear and safe wayfinding strategy through this fragmented part of town was an important outcome.

The creation of community focused spaces was an important driver behind the design of our landscape masterplan. A variety of spaces were designed, accommodating active and passive recreation, with the inclusion of play spaces wherever possible.

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