

New Kent Road Southwark, London

We were appointed by a developer client to prepare two packages of information to support two separate detailed planning submissions. The plot is a brownfield site and is currently occupied by a commercial building and an area of hard standing.

The plot is approximately square in shape; with an existing school playground to its north; a commercial building to its west; a terrace of Victorian houses to its east and the New Kent Road to its south.

The two proposals prepared by us were for student accommodation and a hotel, both located above a flexible working space. The landscape design for both proposals focused on the ground floor parking, green courtyard, pedestrian circulation and access arrangements; Level 1 extensive green roof; and Levels 4, 6 and 8 communal gardens.

Comments from the Local Authority and those following a Design Review Panel presentation were integrated into our design. A significant number of climbers were added to the elevations of the building at all levels. The climbers were intended to help minimise the visual impact of the building and to provide additional ecological benefits.

The edge detail of the communal gardens were carefully considered so as to minimise the potential for overlooking to the school playground and to the terrace of houses. At Level 8 a pergola structure with climbers was integrated in the design to provide some shading and a sense of enclosure in this exposed location.

The communal roof gardens planting was selected to thrive in this exposed roof top environment, while the planting to the small ground floor courtyard space was suitable for this tranquil, shady space.

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