

Landscape services

We provide a landscape-led approach to development planning and design.

Our teams work holistically to provide analysis and design work which successfully integrate proposals within their setting. These teams also work closely with other services including Planning, Heritage & Townscape and EIA to provide clients with an integrated multi-disciplinary approach to projects. This can save both time and costs, and helps deliver high quality places with landscapes which are truly multi-functional.



Landscape planning and LVIA

We are leaders in the field of landscape and visual impact assessment

Our early landscape analysis means development is located in the right part(s) of a site, responds appropriately to local character and context, and provides a landscape-led approach to development. We provide rigorous analysis and assessment (in accordance with GLVIA3), alongside objective and sound commercial advice and creative solutions for managing change in the landscape.

Landscape design

Our landscape designs provide appropriate and sensitive frameworks for development

Our landscape designers are part of our established design team. We create designs which are informed by the local character context, identifying site-specific landscape design objectives and principles, and developing creative design solutions. We work in all types of landscapes, both rural and urban; and at all scales, from high level landscape mitigation strategies to detailed layouts and planting designs.

Landscape planning and LVIA

Our products and services:

- Landscape research and analysis
- Landscape capacity and sensitivity studies
- Expert witness at landscape appeals and inquiries
- Opportunities and constraints mapping
- Landscape feasibility studies
- Green Belt openness assessments
- Analysis of views and visual amenity
- Landscape/townscape and visual impact assessments (LVIA/TVIA)
- Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) mapping and commissioning of verified views

Landscape design

Our products and services:

- Landscape-led masterplanning
- Landscape strategies and visions
- Landscape mitigation works
- Landscape statements
- Planting strategies
- Detailed planting design for reserved/ full applications
- Materials, furniture and lighting strategies

Well House, Shawford

A replacement home of contemporary design adjacent to the South Downs National Park

We were appointed to provide landscape and visual advice to support the demolition of an existing home, and the replacement with a home of contemporary design. Landscape advice was provided to support the design process and planning application, and a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment was prepared which demonstrated that the proposals would not adversely affect the character of the nearby South Downs National Park, or views experienced within it.

CLIENT

Private client

LPA

Winchester District Council

STATUS

Planning approved

SERVICES

Landscape planning





Newburn Sidings, Swindon

A mixed-use development at the gateway to Swindon town centre

Our work included a Townscape and Visual Impact Appraisal to assess the effect of the proposed development on the townscape and visual receptors of the site and its surroundings. We also provided Landscape design services for the proposals, and a Landscape Strategy which set out various landscape mitigation and enhancement measures. Our Strategic Planting Proposal looked to offset habitat loss through the re-creation of new habitats in soft landscaped areas, alongside establishing a robust planted framework to the public open spaces and street scape.

CLIENT

One Swindon Ltd

LPA

Swindon Council

STATUS

Submitted

SERVICES

Design, Heritage, Townscape and Landscape, Planning, Strategic Communications, Development Viability, Sustainability



Perfume Factory, London

An inviting and vibrant public space for the neighbourhood of Acton

Public realm design proposals for a new destination for North Acton, providing high quality homes, entertainment and recreation set within a welcoming and vibrant street scene. The public realm design is centred on the site's former use as the Elizabeth Arden perfume factory which has inspired and been woven into our work. The public realm enhancements undertaken by our Design team considered the courtyard, the public space around the perimeter of the buildings, the frontage onto Wales Farm Road and a number of roof terraces. Planting, material, lighting and street furniture pallets were established for the scheme. The site was sold by Essential Living to Telford Homes in summer 2021.

CLIENT

Essential Living

LPA

London Borough of Earling

STATUS

Awaiting legal agreement

SERVICES

Design





Oakley Hall, Oakley

Landscape planning and design services for a new retirement community adjacent to a listed hotel and parkland

Our Landscape team was appointed to provide landscape advice to support an outline planning application to deliver up to 150 new high-quality assisted living units, set in a parkland landscape. The proposals included the creation of a new entrance to an existing care home and extensive proposals for landscape enhancements including new formal and informal open space. Careful consideration of the landscape context was required to develop a scheme that would be appropriate to the setting of the grade II listed Oakley Hall Hotel and its associated locally listed parkland. Our scope of work included preparation of a Landscape and Visual Impact

CLIENT

Forest Care Ltd and Fogarty Group Ltd

LPA

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

STATUS

Application submitted

SERVICES

Heritage, Townscape and Landscape, Planning, Economics

Alfold, Surrey

A high quality and locally responsive development on the edge of Alfold Crossways

The residential development, comprising up to 80 homes, will establish a new eastern edge to the village of Alfold Crossways which integrates with the surrounding landscape and built form. Appropriate areas for development and open space were identified which ensured the character of the surrounding countryside, and views from surrounding public rights of way, were protected. We supported the outline planning application with a Landscape and Visual Impact Appraisal and Landscape Strategy with supporting landscape character areas, alongside landscape design services for the site.

CLIENT

Catesby Estates Plc

LPA

Waverly Borough Council

STATUS

Application approved

SERVICES

Design, Landscape, Planning, Sustainability, Economics



Aston University, Birmingham

An aspirational vision for the future of the campus

We helped Aston University to create a vision for the campus to complement the spatial development of the Knowledge Quarter, the city and the wider region. The landscape and public realm led masterplan provided creative and innovative ideas to unlock the potential of the campus and established a development framework, within which the next campus building will be delivered. The masterplan responds to the evolving context adjacent to the campus, and clearly illustrates the campus' critical role in the success of the city, alongside facilitating and improving connectivity through and to the wider city.

CLIENT

Aston University

LPA

Birmingham City Council

STATUS

Ongoing

SERVICES

Design, Planning, Heritage & Townscape, Economics





Land east of Junction 1, M69, Hinckley

Major development on greenfield site

As part of a multi-disciplinary team we provided landscape and visual advice to support a major hybrid planning application for a c.50 ha employment park on the edge of Hinckley, within an unallocated greenfield site. Our role included the production of a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment for the Environmental Statement, co-ordination of the production of verified views, provision of advice of landscape strategy and liaison with the landscape officer throughout the application process. Planning permission was granted in early 2019 and the development is now complete.

CLIENT

IM Properties

LPA

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council

STATUS

Complete

SERVICES

Heritage, Townscape and Landscape, Planning, Economics, Sustainability and ESG





Landscape appraisal to support representations to the Local Plan

We produced a baseline Landscape and Visual Appraisal to support a representation to the emerging Local Plan in relation to an allocation at Mercury Marina for residential and leisure development. The appraisal identified the existing landscape and visual context of the site, alongside providing a summary of the capacity of the site to accommodate development in landscape and visual terms. The appraisal also identified a series of design principles to help reduce the 'impact of change' on the appraisal site, and the surrounding landscape, from any emerging allocation and related proposed development.

CLIENT

MDL Developments

LPA

Eastleigh Borough Council

STATUS

Representations submitted

SERVICES

Heritage, Townscape and Landscape, Design, Planning, Development Viability





Pantiles Garden Centre, Runnymede

High quality extension to Surrey village and exemplar for future Green Belt proposals

We prepared a Landscape and Visual Impact Appraisal and Green Belt Openness Assessment to support the application for the redevelopment of this brownfield site in the Surrey Green Belt. The landscape-led proposals will provide 60 new homes (50% affordable) whilst incorporating significant landscape and visual enhancements, and improvements to biodiversity which were considered to outweigh the slight harm to Green Belt openness. The scheme won a Housing Design Awards 'Project Award' in 2020.

CLIENT

Goldcrest Land PLC

LPA

Runnymede Borough Council

STATUS

Planning approved

SERVICES

Landscape planning





Mahatma Gandhi Statue, Manchester

Be the change that you want to see in the world

Working with Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur to provide Manchester with a statue of Mahatma Gandhi to celebrate the 150th anniversary of his birth, on 2 October 2019, in recognition of his work promoting peace. The 800kg bronze statue is 150 % life size with an integral low plinth to enable close access, and a free-standing bronze information plaque. It is set within the Manchester Cathedral Conservation Area. We were tasked with the production of a Planning, Design and Access Statement and Heritage Statement, alongside visuals and drawings.

CLIENT

Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur

LPA

Manchester City Council

STATUS

Built

SERVICES

Design, Planning, Heritage & Townscape

Wall of Prayer, Warwickshire

National landmark and piece of public art set within Green Belt land near Birmingham

Standing at 50m high, this outstanding piece of public art, and national monument, will become a prominent feature on the Midlands landscape and will provide a unique destination where members of the public will be invited to explore faith and prayer, and to enjoy its extensive open parkland. We prepared a Landscape and Visual Impact Appraisal to accompany the planning application which considered the impact of the unique development on local landscape character, and on views experienced from nearby public rights of way and motorway.



Thirsk and Sowerby Leisure Centre, Thirsk

Extension to leisure centre on the settlement edge of Thirsk

Our Landscape team was appointed alongside our Heritage & Townscape and Planning services to support the detailed planning application for the extension, alteration and refurbishment of the Thirsk and Sowerby Leisure Centre. The site is located within the Thirsk and Sowerby Conservation Area and adjacent to Sowerby Flats public open space. We prepared a Landscape and Visual Impact Appraisal to accompany the planning application. Planning permission was granted in 2020.

CLIENT

ISG Construction Ltd

LPA

Hambleton District Council

STATUS

Planning approved

SERVICES

Planning, Heritage,
Townscape and Landscape,





Working with The Christie NHS Foundation Trust to create a world-class cancer research building

As part of a multi-disciplinary team we provided townscape and visual advice to support an application for a world-class, multi-million pound proposal at The Christie's Withington campus, which will transform the ability to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer by enabling clinicians and scientists to work side-by-side in one building. We prepared the Townscape and Visual Impact Assessment Chapter of the Environmental Statement, considering the impact of the 10-storey building on local character and views. The sensitivity of the site with regard to its residential context and nearby heritage assets was robustly addressed as part of our assessment. The scheme was granted planning permission in September 2019.

CLIENT

The Christie NHS Foundation
Trust / Interserve

LPA

Manchester City Council

STATUS

Planning approved

SERVICES

Planning, Strategic
Communications, Design,
Heritage & Townscape,
Sustainability and
ESG, Economics





Elton Parkland, Bury

Masterplan and development framework for a new community and extensive public parkland

Elton Parkland presents a major opportunity to create a new parkland between Radcliffe and Bury. It will establish an extensive multi-functional green and blue infrastructure network of substantial quality and lasting benefit. The parkland will draw on the heritage, landscape and natural assets of the local area to create open and accessible greenspaces for all to enjoy.

We produced a masterplan and development framework document which set out a clear vision for the site, a residential-led development linked with access to high quality open recreational space, parkland and public transport nodes. The masterplan proposal is based on current thinking around green infrastructure and its socio-economic benefits. It has been developed from an in-depth understanding of the landscape, responding to the site's unique assets.

CLIENT

Peel Land & Property

LPA

Bury Council

STATUS

Ongoing

SERVICES

Planning, Design, Economics, Development Viability





Trusted independent advisors with restless ambition to shape a more sustainable future.

We work collaboratively with our clients to deliver places and communities that thrive.



Locations

We are rooted in the places we work through social and business connections.

Our people invest in positive relationships with local authorities, businesses, communities and co-professionals across the UK and Ireland.

We bring local knowledge and networks.



Our services

We offer expert advisory services for the built environment and beyond.

Combining professional expertise with in-depth market knowledge we work with clients to deliver thriving places and communities across all sectors.

We bring deep thinking; smart strategy; and expert delivery.



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