

2.0 SITE AND CONTEXT

2.1 CAMDEN LOCK VILLAGE MASTERPLAN

Camden Lock Village is a mixed-use development which aims to reinforce and enhance the area's strong identity, creating a vibrant new destination for the benefit of the local community and visitors alike. It provides a wide variety of new, generous public open spaces to benefit residents, workers and visitors, as well as improved permeability and connectivity across the site with the addition of several new pedestrian routes and a widened canal tow path.

In the proposed masterplan, the viaducts' arches differentiate between the canal-side market to the south of the site and the more local uses to the north and act as a backdrop which unites the masterplan as a whole. The viaducts also naturally divide the masterplan into 4 areas, the cinema is located in area C which is a new mixed-use quarter comprising residential, employment and local retail uses. This part of the site provides a transition from Camden's busy town centre in the south to the residential areas in the north.

Building C is formed of a plinth and 3 volumes of varying heights above, in brick with large windows, projecting and recessing balconies providing depth and animation on all sides.

The cinema will be located in Arches N7-14 which are to the north east of Building C.



Fig 13. Masterplan aerial view



Fig 14. View of Arch N7 and site approach



Fig 15. View of Arch N7 and route north through to Harley Road



Fig 16. View from Arch N12

2.2 ARCHES N7 - N14 TODAY

The site is comprised in 8 arches (N7 – N14), 7 fully enclosed arches and N7 is half infilled leaving a pedestrian route cutting through the site south to north, connecting the Regents Canal Towpath to Hawley Road. The site is relatively discrete in its location. The street passing in front of site connects to Castlehaven Road to the north-west and will be used primarily as a pedestrian route with deliveries during limited hours to Building C. Arches N7 and N8 provide the main visibility of the site from surrounding streets.

Today, the arches have been partially fitted out as part of the wider development with mezzanines structures and external curtain walling. The front (southern and eastern) elevations of the arches have powder-coated steel framed curtain walling to the upper half of all arches. The ground floor elevations have not yet been enclosed. The rear (northern) elevations are fully enclosed with brickwork to the ground floor and powder-coated steel framed curtain walling to the upper level.