## LANDSCAPE DESIGN REPORT

101 Camley Street: Canalside Gardens

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#### Introduction

The landscape design for Canalside Gardens is a key component to the 101 Camley Street development creating a new garden and play space to be used by residents and the local community. A distinctive location, nestled between the development and Regent's Canal provides a unique setting to rest and play.

The landscape design of Canalside Gardens will fulfil a number of objectives:

- \* To integrate the 101 Camley Street development into the local community through the provision of a new valuable amenity space which can be used by all.
- \* Create a strong identity that draws from the surrounding wild character, habitats and wildlife (imaginative, playful and legitimate).
- Compliment future phases to establish a strong relationship with Regent's Canal whilst respecting current canal residents.
- Landscape design should offer a biodiversity gain with a focus on improvements to local ecology.

## Concept

The concept is as follows:

'BUGS, BEES & BUTTERFLIES'

Camley Street is a special place and is home to a wide range of plants and animals. The new play area should reflect a more naturalistic character and capture the wildlife already living in the surrounding area.

This concept is not intended to be a 'disneyfied' theme for the play area, however has the potential to provide a subtle coherent narratative.

#### 101 CAMLEY STREET







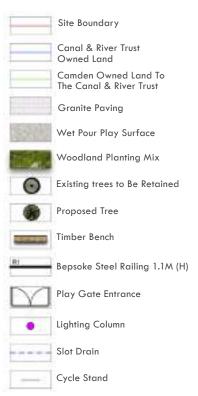


- <sup>1</sup> Ladybird Springer
- <sup>2</sup> Timber Seating
- <sup>3</sup> Bee Springer
- <sup>4</sup> Timber Climbing Posts
- <sup>5</sup> Woodland Style Planting



## Landscape General Arrangement

#### Legend





#### Canalside Gardens: Phase One

The first phase of the Canalside Gardens provides a secluded green oasis comfortably nestled between Granary Street and Regents Canal. Lush woodland planting encloses a children's play area and seating space creating a friendly atmosphere which encourages community cohesion. The sinuous form of planting beds help soften the presence of the boundary wall, merging the space within its natural surroundings. Integrated timber seating provides a pleasant vantage point for parents to look over their children. Bespoke 1.1m high railings create a sense of enclosure yet provide sufficient visual access to maintain an open communal feel.



Phase One: Looking East Towards Canalside Gardens

#### Canalside Gardens: Phase Two

The second phase of the Canalside Gardens will see the removal of the existing boundary wall which will drastically open up the space and significantly improve the relationship with Regents Canal. The design aims to balance better integration with the canal whilst respecting the privacy of resident canal boats. The gardens will enhance the canal-side experience for existing canal residents by improving security and providing amenities such as sanitation facilities. Timber benches will line the edge of the canal and new gravel surfacing will significantly improve the quality of the tow path. Bespoke 1.8m high railings delicately separate the garden from the canal edge with naturalistic planting unifying the two spaces.



Phase Two: Looking East Towards Canalside Gardens

## Materials Strategy and Furniture

A restricted palette of materials has been chosen for a consistent continuation of the 101 Camley Street development to unify both areas. Granite paving will define a high quality edge around the building creating an attractive street frontage along Granary Street. Wet pour surfacing will be laid within the play area to provide a safe surface around the play equipment.

A long timber bench is positioned within woodland style planting creating a pleasant and sensory setting whilst providing a key vantage point for parents watching over their children. Naturalistic timber play equipment is arranged within the centre of the garden referencing the large trees which border the site. A variety of play equipment has been provided to satisfy the needs of children for a range of ages. Play equipment features a 'Bugs, Bees, and Butterflies' concept referencing local wildlife and natural surroundings.

Bespoke steel railings (1.1m high) and self-closing play gates enclose the garden providing a secure

and safe area for children to play. The railings are positioned within planting to improve the sense of openness community inclusivity.

A series of lighting columns will also sit amongst the planting which will illuminate the gardens at night. The proposed lighting systems projects sufficient downward illumination with minimal scatter to reduce interference with nocturnal wildlife. A simple post design ties in seamlessly with the forms of the wooden climbing posts and surrounding trees.

LOCATION:

**DETAILS:** 

Material: Granite

- 450mm)

Finish: Varies (Flamed)

# Surfacing Granite Royal White, Flamed Violet pearl, flamed Jinan blue flamed

#### **Wet Pour Gravel**



#### LOCATION:

• Play Area

#### **DETAILS:**

- Material: Wet Pour Gravel
- Colour: Medium Grey
- Finish: Continuous Seamless Surface

**Furniture** 









• Upper and Lower Ground Floor

• Colour: Mixed setts of Royal White,

Jinan Blue and Violet Pearl granite

Size: 150mm x Random Length (300

Timber Seating to Planting Areas

Lighting Column

## Play



Bespoke Steel Railings 1.1m







Timber Play Equipment

## Planting Design

The proposed planting style reflects the wildness of the local surroundings including Regent's Canal and Camley Street Natural Park. The existing mature trees bordering the site heavily influence the microclimate and the character of the planting. The' Woodland' planting concept draws inspiration from a wild and naturalistic planting style, evoking a lush woodland appearance.

The planting mix includes shade loving species compromising of a matrix of ferns, grasses and glossy ground cover for year-round interest. Plant communities arranged in a matrix style effect allows them to self-sustain with reduced maintenance requirements. High densities of evergreen plants will provide form and structure throughout the year. The planting scheme includes a beautiful and ecologically rich mix of native plants to enhance local ecology and biodiversity. Species identified as good pollinators have also been incorporated to provide forage for a wide variety of pollinating insects. Flowering wall climbers are spaced at regular intervals to spread along the boundary wall creating a beautiful green curtain and help soften this imposing feature.

## **Woodland Planting Mix**

