Landscape Architecture & Urban Design

Delivering excellence in the built environment
Who we are
We are an enthusiastic team of chartered landscape architects, urban designers and technical staff, offering a comprehensive range of services including: site analysis, masterplanning, feasibility studies, concept design, public consultations, planning applications, detailed and technical design, contract management and site supervision.

How we do it
With a wealth of experience and our flexible friendly approach, we listen, understand and take responsibility for all aspects of landscape and urban design and have the ability to create and deliver a professional solution to the client’s brief.

We have the advantage of being part of a multi-disciplinary organisation allowing us instant, direct access to complementary expertise including cost consultants, highways engineers, structural engineers, lighting specialists, environmental consultants and traffic engineers. This allows us to provide the very best of services to our clients.

Where we work
Our head office is located in Salford, North West England, and we have supporting offices nationally and internationally, so are ideally placed to offer our professional services to a worldwide audience.

We have delivered many successful schemes in a wide range of landscape and urban design settings. We understand the environmental, historical, legislative and urban challenges that each site offers.

Our sectors portfolio includes public realm, urban and country parks, education and sporting environments, heritage conservation, housing regeneration, highways and infrastructure, master planning, landscape and visual impact assessment, signage and wayfinding.

What we do
Landscape architecture
Urban design
Masterplanning
Public consultation
Design briefs
Design codes
Conservation assessments
Landscape expert witness & visual assessments
Our team recognise the importance of designing places for people. Places to be experienced, played in, lived in, cherished.

In neighbourhood regeneration schemes we design for the long-term success of places, to provide the very best spaces for community activities to take place. Our extensive experience in public consultation is focused upon ensuring we understand people and their needs, which helps us create distinctive places that the community ultimately want to take ownership of.
Creating sustainable futures from our rich heritage whilst conserving our assets for the next generation and beyond.

Conserving our heritage and history is crucial to our understanding of places and spaces.

Our approach of working on heritage-led projects is to unlock their potential for meeting current demands and functions whilst fully respecting the historic assets.

We have completed conservation appraisals, worked with and advised English Heritage, as well as prepared and delivered schemes through the Heritage Lottery Fund. Our award-winning project at Ordsall Hall fully demonstrates our understanding and willingness to deliver quality, sustainable and elegant schemes.
We take pleasure in responding to the process of designing spaces to be enjoyed, aid growth and experience exploration, fully engaging users of all ages and abilities to be healthy and active.

We thrive on designing schemes that encourage urban playfulness for all ages. By creating inspirational spaces and places that utilise plants, flowers and elements of the natural environment, we endeavour to inform and empower people to aspire to achieve new goals.
The development of the external environment is often the catalyst for change. The transformation can be wide-reaching, providing rejuvenation of areas and giving communities a sense of place, where they feel ownership and pride.

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One of our strengths is our ability to communicate our thoughts and responses in a variety of ways to enable our clients and end users to really understand the process and end result.

Showcasing our designs through a variety of media communicates ideas quickly and accurately.

We can adapt presentation styles to suit the audience, from accurate mapping, technical drawings, aerial perspective views and three dimensional representations through to characterful hand-drawn visualisations.

User-friendly design boards featuring materials, styling and specifications of landscape details support the process and allow clients and general public a full picture of the final design.

We also have experience of producing quality brochures, consultation material, and publicity material for a variety of situations.
The excitement of discovery never fades. Our signage and wayfinding schemes help people to explore their environments, connect neighbourhoods and support visitors when they need to find their way.

From concept to implementation, we have been responsible for a series of uniquely branded signage and wayfinding systems, helping to provide legibility and an ease of movement.

We start by developing an understanding of an area with the opportunities and barriers to movement and develop designs that seek to connect neighbourhoods, getting people where they want to go.

Interpretation can help people connect with an area’s past. We have extensive experience in providing interpretive information, encouraging people to find out about the places that surround them.
Our constantly changing climate requires understanding to cater for the challenges of the built environment. Our responsible approach delivers exciting and robust designs that protect, enhance and conserve our surroundings.

Our team have risen to environmental challenge, delivering exciting and stimulating designs that achieve excellent BREEAM ratings, incorporate SUDS schemes and conserve our natural environment.
Our experience and continuous professional development of product knowledge allows us to offer attractive, robust and cost effective specifications - appropriate to client budgets and resources.

We design with a practical vision to enable completed schemes to be enjoyed from the outset whilst ensuring they stand up to the test of time and provide many benefits for years to come.
We provide a comprehensive range of services to assist in the field of landscape planning including landscape capacity studies, strategic land allocation and the undertaking of LVIs or LVAs across a range of development sectors. This ensures that the landscape and visual effects are appropriately considered in determining the planning balance.

We also provide landscape evidence at public inquiries or hearings, acting as expert witness on landscape and visual matters. Our evidence can include the preparation of visualisations, including wireframe modelling of the proposal, which have proved fundamental to building a strong case. Our visualisations are prepared in full compliance with current guidance.

Assessing the effect of proposed development upon the landscape and upon visual amenity are often key issues in determining major planning decisions.
Awards

MMU Birley Fields, Manchester Project of the Year 2015

Chapel Street Public Realm, Best Pedestrian Environment 2013

Ordsall Hall, RICS, Building Conservation, 2012

Green and Walkable Streets Programme, Best Public Realm 2010

Royal Horticultural Flower Show, Show Gardens:

- ‘East Meets West’, Gold Medal 2008
- Central Plaza, England’s Northwest, Outstanding Achievement Award 2003
- Central Plaza, Reflections of England’s Northwest Best Show Feature 2002
- Garden of Illusion, Silver Gilt Award, 2001