

Davis Landscape Architecture



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## Practice Overview

We are a design led London based practice that prides itself on the delivery of schemes that satisfy the aesthetic and functional requirements of the client and design team.



We are **experienced** in the landscape design of residential communities, education facilities, mixed use developments, office developments and research facilities in park land settings.



Despite being a young practice our staff have a wealth of experience, gained over the years whilst being employed within the construction industry. Together, we have a **diverse** range of skills, interests and areas of expertise.



Established in 2009, we are a young, **dynamic** practice. We have a streamlined organisation and are well placed to react quickly and efficiently to any given situation.



We are able to **deliver** a wide range of project information depending of the scope of services required by our clients. This ranges from feasibility to construction information.



Our experience, ranges from the **design** of landscape master plans, hard and soft landscape plans construction detailing, management and maintenance schedules, and landscape assessments.



## Our Approach

We believe the quality of the public realm has an impact on the overall quality of our lives. We aim to design inclusive spaces that offer opportunity for all and encourage human interaction outside that of the usual day-to-day encounter.



We pride ourselves on creating **interesting**, long-term solutions for each individual situation that is sensitive to its local context.



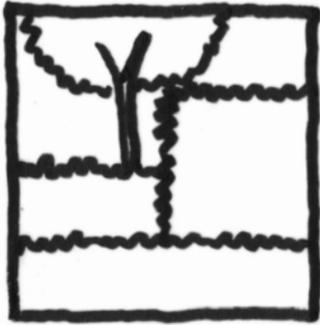
Careful consideration of the physical and **emotional** needs of the end user is an integral part of our design process.



Our primary aim is to provide our clients with robust design solutions that **exceeds** their expectations whilst addressing the needs of a commercial market place.

When designing landscapes and the public realm we aim to integrate local **communities** with their immediate environment to improve their human experience of their surroundings.





## Horticulture

Plant selection and horticultural specification are critical to a successful landscape scheme. We pride ourselves on our extensive plant knowledge and appreciation of individual plant requirements.

Planting may be used as a **dynamic** element within hard landscape structures to provide visually pleasing living forms, seasonal drama and contact with nature.



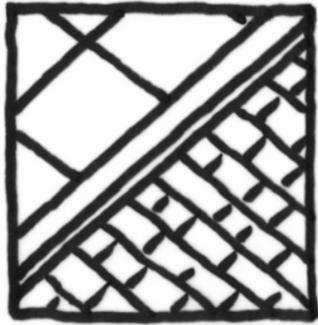
With two qualified **horticulturists** employed within our practice we can design schemes that are suited to their local environment, water efficient and able to provide habitat and food for wildlife.



We can provide comprehensive maintenance plans to ensure the scheme, once planted, continues to be **healthy** and improve with time.

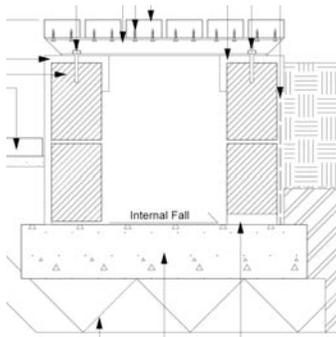
Planting can provide **benefits** for the physical environment by cooling and purifying the air, cleaning surface water run off, attenuating noise, providing shade and stabilising banks.





## Hard Landscape

Our intention is to design spaces which are functional, inclusive, durable and visually pleasing. Key to this is providing solutions which are appropriate to the budget of our clients.



We aim to design in a legible, **clutter free** manner that allows ease of movement and provides direct routes from location to location.



By considering the needs of all possible users we design **inclusive** spaces which then cater for the broadest spectrum of society.

Integrated in to spatial design of communal or public spaces we aim to provide informal **opportunities** for sitting, playing, interacting and watching.



Where possible, we aim to source materials that have been produced in a **sustainable** manner.



Where possible, **flexible**, programmable landscapes are a desired outcome, enabling them to accommodate various activities through time.



## Ecology

With ever increasing man made pressures on our native flora and fauna there is a growing awareness of the importance of incorporating measures into development to help offset the loss of habitat.



Encouraging wildlife into our external spaces can provide children with a valuable **educational** resource. Working with ecologists we can advise on strategic locations for bird, bat and bug boxes.



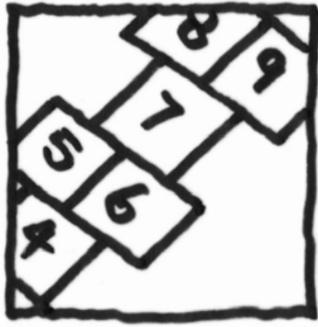
As a practice we have a good understanding of the **BREEAM** and Code for Sustainable Homes process and ecology's place within it.

We aim to design in a sustainable manner, in a way that protects and **enhances** our ecology and minimises the impact of development on our natural resources.



Working closely with ecologists we can integrate **native** plant species with ornamental planting to provide a visually pleasing and ecologically biodiverse outcome.



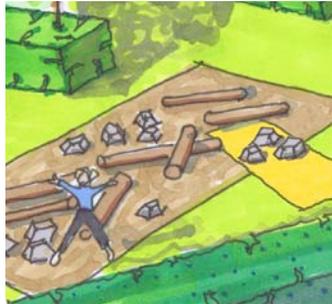


## Play

We believe children should be given opportunity to take risks in the play environment and that unprogrammed spaces should be provided to encourage and challenge their imagination.



Play spaces should be **integrated** within the public realm, not an afterthought or a separate entity.



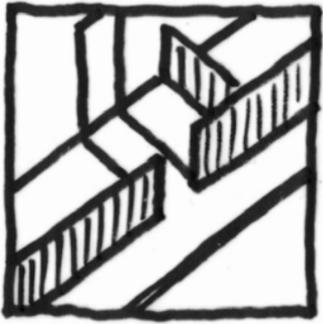
The integration of **natural elements** within play spaces enable children to better understand the qualities of different materials and encourages them to engage their **imagination** in creative ways.

We are familiar with the **guidelines** 'Six Acre Standard' and SPG 'Providing for Children and Young People's Play and Informal Recreation'. With input from other consultants we are able to use these documents to advise our clients on appropriate provision of play required for a given development.



The careful selection of plant material can provide structure to a play space and **opportunities** for children to interact with nature.





# Residential Communities

We believe design has an important role in the creation of strong, sustainable communities. The creation of safe spaces which allow for regular encounters allow local relationships to develop and help to create a real sense of community.

We are experienced in the design of **'Home Zones'**, creating pedestrian friendly, walkable neighbourhoods which make door step play a real possibility.



Where suitable we can design using the **'Shared Space'** concept. This, in conjunction with other traffic calming techniques can help to create safe, visually pleasing communities.



The considered design of communal parks and play areas, vehicular and pedestrian networks and defensible private space all help to create a pleasant, **functioning** community.

We **understand** the requirements of residential communities, various service vehicles and occasional users and are able to integrate their needs into a coherent design.





## Water Issues

With the ever changing climate patterns it is becoming more important to manage water in an intelligent and sustainable manner. Water also presents opportunities for the creation of aquatic wildlife habitats.



We are experienced in the various **strategies** and design techniques for managing and collecting surface water run off and how these can help to achieve the desired BREEAM and Code for Sustainable Homes outcome.



We understand the principals and design limitations of various **Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems** (SUDS). These may be as simple as a ditch or swale, as functional as permeable paving or as ornamental as rain gardens.



There are numerous benefits associated with green and brown roofs, including water attenuation and **enhanced** wild life.



With our in house horticultural expertise we can integrate interesting planting schemes with functional **water management** systems.



## Podium Deck Landscapes

Within the limited space of the urban environment, roofs and podium decks are a valuable resource. They can realise the full potential of a development site by providing amenity space and valuable habitat in the urban context.



We work closely with other consultants throughout the design process to ensure all elements included within the podium deck landscape are **coordinated**.



Well designed and **extensive** and **intensive** roof landscapes are critical to their successful implementation.



By working closely with other consultants at an early stage we can better understand the functional requirements needed to be accommodated within the landscape layer. These can then be **integrated** into our proposal, thus avoiding poorly considered often unsightly afterthoughts.



As a practice we are very experienced in the **detailed** design of various forms of podium deck landscapes and understand the opportunities and **constraints** implicit in their design.



# Project Selection



**Mixed Use** 2011  
**Project:** The Oaks, Acton  
**Client:** Acton Regeneration Group  
**Architect:** Stock Woolstencroft



**Housing** 2012  
**Project:** Oxford  
**Client:** Galliard Homes  
**Architect:** GML Architects



**Housing** 2011  
**Project:** Star Lane  
**Client:** Inner London Group  
**Architect:** Stock Woolstencroft



**Housing** 2009  
**Project:** Ruckholt Road  
**Client:** Glyn Hopkins Ltd  
**Architect:** Stock Woolstencroft



**Public Realm** 2013  
**Project:** East Village Marketing Suite  
**Client:** Delancey  
**Architect:** Bryden Wood



**Mixed Use** 2011  
**Project:** Marine Plaza  
**Client:** Inner London Group  
**Architect:** Stock Woolstencroft



**Housing** 2012  
**Project:** Belsize Park  
**Client:** Galliard Homes  
**Architect:** Galliard Homes



**Housing** 2010  
**Project:** Grange Road  
**Client:** London & Quadrant  
**Architect:** Stock Woolstencroft



**School** 2012  
**Project:** Avenue Primary School  
**Client:** Jerram Falkus  
**Architect:** FBM Architects



**Student Housing** 2011  
**Project:** Ravenscourt House  
**Client:** South Street Asset Management  
**Architect:** FBM Architects