

St Luke's Square Canning Town, London

We were appointed by a developer client to provide landscape architect's information to support a detailed change of use Planning application for this residential development in Canning Town, east London.

The existing built form is 'U' shaped, with its open side facing south. Contained within the building footprint is a courtyard space which is entirely located on a podium deck slab to a basement car park. Privacy was afforded to this space by proposing the planting of shrubs and trees to its south elevation

Our landscape architects carefully considered the perimeter detail to the building edge, where the residential units would abut the public footway. The Local Authority were interested in how overlooking from the street into the individual dwellings would be prevented. In addition, within this zone our landscape design needed to accommodate the horizontal venting grating to the basement carpark.

The courtyard space needed to accommodate a variety of functions. Each ground floor dwelling required a private patio facing the courtyard space. The primary access for a significant number of the ground floor units is via the courtyard space. DDA compliant access was therefore critical to all primary access routes. The shared amenity space within the main body of the courtyard needed to accommodate the varied requirements of the passive user, the active user and a that of a children's playground.

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