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Green Places' guide to current public space schemes and projects





Greengate, Central Salford

Whitelaw Turkington and Arup have been appointed as designers of the public spaces at Greengate in Central Salford.

The 13 hectare, mixed-use development will create a new urban quarter linking the cities of Salford and Manchester, with a stunning public realm at its heart.

A public square, river walkway, water features and a new bridge across the River Irwell are all part of the stunning public realm designs that will establish Greengate as a new city centre destination.

The development is a partnership between Central Salford URC, Salford City Council, national regeneration agency English Partnerships, Network Rail and ASK Developments. Greengate is expected to attract over £580m of private sector investment and secured planning permission in June 2007. The public realm team are scheduled to complete detailed designs in Spring 2009 and work on the ground is likely to begin in Autumn 2009.

Funding support for the design appointment and the public realm has been made possible by English Partnerships.

Whitelaw Turkington has a strong track record of delivering public realm landscape design in urban areas and in parks, streetscapes and public places, in areas such as Peninsula Square Greenwich, Gillett Square Hackney and St George's Square Huddersfield.

The company will work alongside Arup, well known for its professional services to clients around the world.

For further information and project details, please visit www.wtlandscape.com.

Adamstown Centre, Ireland

Adamstown Central, the new town centre development vision led by UK architects Metropolitan Workshop, has secured planning

Adamstown Central is part of the larger Adamstown development, 16 kilometres west of Dublin, billed as Ireland's first 21st century new town.

Adamstown Central will be the heart of this new urban area and will comprise a library, cinema, retail and office space, a multifaith place of worship, health centre, a new railway station and 950 housing units. It covers a total area of 8.4 hectares, making Adamstown Central one of the largest ever mixed-use planning applications secured in Ireland's modern history.

urban design strategy for Adamstown Central strives for a coordinated variety – aiming to deliver a skilfully balanced and cohesive plan that is disting in its components and has its own sense of identity and architectural quality. The focus the development is on creating long-term vision of a communiand it has already been praised as an exemplar of good urban design and sustainability. Adamstown itself will eventual accommodate 30,000 residents 11 neighbourhoods. www.metwork.co.uk

Le Court, Hampshire

Petersfield-based Landscape
Architects had to take a very sensitive approach to a new design for the garden at Le Court, near Greatham in Hampshire, a former Leonard Cheshire Disability home. The garden has long been the setting for the remembrance of lost loved ones, including the scattering of ashes and presented particular challenges.

The garden has three distinct areas and is based on many of the original features. The entrance area contains a beehive-shaped stone hut, which until recently was used as storage for garden pots. This has been refurbished to house mementoes, plaques and keepsakes donated by relatives. The formal pool garden contains a simple, reflective pool with an engraved

granite memorial stone paying tribute to Leonard Cheshire and the people of Le Court. This calm and contemplative space is contrasted by the colourful and more intricately designed flower garden which offers a more lively space in which to walk or sit, chat and enjoy the roses which dominate the planting scheme.

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