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Chartered Landscape Architects with expertise across the
entire spectrum of landscape design consultancy services



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“Landscape architecture is central to our quality of life. It affects the way we live, the way we interact with each other, how well we work, and how much we enjoy and look after our environment. These are responsibilities we take very seriously at terra firma.”

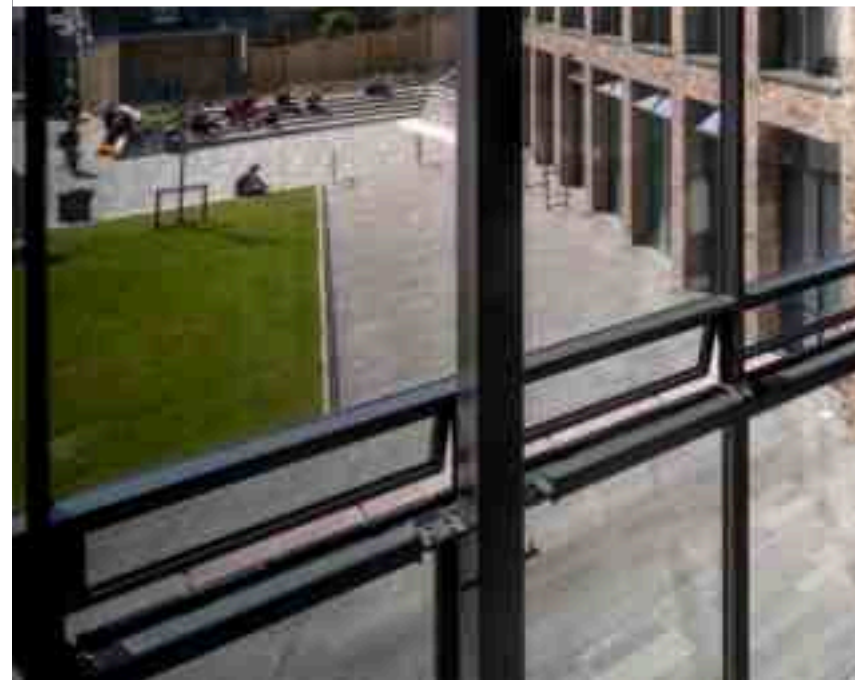
about us

The terra firma Consultancy was established in 1985 and has secured the highest reputation for its standard of work in landscape design and assessment consultancy services.

Our services encompass the entire range of the landscape architectural profession's remit, from inception, assessment and concept, to delivery and ongoing management. Services include large-scale masterplanning and environmental impact assessments, urban landscape design, rural landscape planning and design, as well as landscape architect expert witness, through to supervision of landscape design, project implementation, and subsequent landscape management.

terra firma's expertise has led it to be considered one of the leading consultancies in the field - with projects in over 30 countries across six continents.

**Landscape
Institute**
Registered practice



30+
countries

40+
years of experience

2600+
projects

terra firma has been a Landscape Institute Registered Practice since 1999 and is certified to quality standard ISO 9001 and environmental standard ISO 14001.

terra firma has been creating simple, sustainable and beautifully designed solutions for a huge range of projects **since 1985.**



Robyn Butcher is Director of terra firma, having joined the company in 1995. She has worked on several hundred projects in all sectors; including the award-winning BA i360 public realm scheme for Brighton and Hove City Council. Robyn regularly acts as an expert witness and is involved in all aspects of the Practice and project management.



Alison Galbraith is Director of terra firma, has over 20 years of experience and has been with the company since 2002. She has authored numerous landscape-related studies and led many design projects, including Maggie's Cancer Care Centre in Swansea, and the award-nominated Leonard Cheshire Memorial Garden.

Led by two directors, The terra firma Consultancy Ltd. is a 14-strong team, including five Chartered Landscape Architects, four Assistant Landscape Architects, and five Technical and Administrative staff.



terra firma undertakes design and planning work in every sector; for local government and central government departments, property developers, and private clients throughout the UK. The company has a four decade innovative and award-winning track record.

Corporate,
Commercial
& Retail
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Corporate, Commercial and Retail





Novartis HQ Humberside

Upgrade to public realm within
science/industrial hub.



Chineham Business Park Basingstoke



Masterplanning and Plot Landscape
Design for commercial premises set within
new parkland.



Hampshire Corporate Park Chandler's Ford

Early award winning terra firma
project in the late 1980's based
around the US business park model
and still an exemplar project a third
of a century later.





HORIBA MIRA

Nuneaton

terra firma were first involved at MIRA in 2009 and ever since have been involved in the masterplanning, EIA and delivery of green infrastructure for this flagship research facility for the UK automobile industry. We are currently underway with design and delivery of the next stage of site wide infrastructure including the central linear park. This has involved long term strategic thinking, client, team, planning authority and community engagement and creating a vision for a connected green infrastructure that can help define the park and make it into a place that is far more than a place of work.



Odney Club - John Lewis Conference Centre

Cookham

Setting of new hub building within parkland including green roof and curved deck.





Kingstanding Shopping Centre Birmingham

Upgrading of retail premises including sub-consultant signage and branding.



Meraas and EO Offices Dubai

Headquarters building landscape for Royal Family development company with Hopkins architects.



Basepoint Gosport

Enterprise Centre design



Over the years, terra firma has gained a reputation in the **commerce** and **industry sectors** for producing **high quality**, robust **design-led** solutions that have made a **significant, positive impact** for their varied clients.

Kentish Wine Vault Hampshire

Landscape masterplan (with LVIA) with Foster and Partners for the creation of an exemplar sustainable winery in the Kent Downs AONB. Sleek, seamless design carries through to every detail



Origin Business Park Park Royal, London

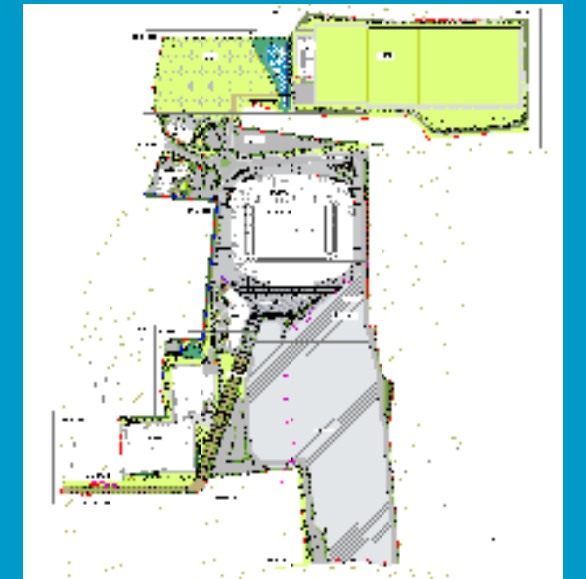


terra firma has worked on over a dozen projects for the biggest developers of UK industrial parks including; the old Guinness Brewery site, Origin at Park Royal (pictured), as well as sites located as far north as Trafford Park in Manchester, in the Midlands, along the M40 and M4 corridor and throughout London.





Urban Planning Council
with Alshamsi terra firma
Abu Dhabi



Southend FC
Essex



Dunsbury Park
Havant

terra firma worked with Peter Brett Associates on the restoration and ecological enhancement of a section of the Hermitage Stream and the landscape for the wider business park.





Umm al Quwain Marina UAE

Early Dubai office design for
EMAAR Sales Centre and
Development Hub.





Education





Brockenhurst College STEM Centre Hampshire

Landscape design for a new student garden and link between the existing sixth form college and the new STEM building.



St Nicholas SEN School Croydon



University College, London (UCL) London

Soft landscape design for bicentennial refurbishment of Main Quad in central London





University of Birmingham
Dubai
Landscape design by TFLA Dubai



terra firma has been involved in **education** projects for both **private** and **public sectors**, from **masterplanning** through to **construction**.



Cody Oak School
Farnborough
SEN school for Hampshire
County Council



Landscape design for student areas,
sports provision and parking for a new
secondary school on the former
Arborfield Garrison.



Bohunt School
Wokingham



Oxford University Biochemistry Building

Oxford

Landscape Design to curtilage of iconic new building at centre of university science area.



Barton Peveril Sixth Form College

Eastleigh, Hampshire

A series of courtyard spaces designed by terra firma and completed in 2014, are well used by students and staff alike, with a wide range of seating and gathering opportunities and a covered area for performance, rehearsal and teaching.



Rikkyo School

Horsham

New sports fields for Japanese Boarding school integrated into countryside setting with bold landform modelling and new woodland plantings.



Ropemaker's Academy

Hailsham

Award-winning SEN school





The Austen Academy
Chineham
New SEN school on sloping site



Greater Brighton
Metropolitan College
Central Brighton



St Swithun's School
Winchester

New natural turf sports facilities
and new prep school car parking



Healthcare





University of Portsmouth Dental Outreach Hampshire

Landscape design to setting of new building within university campus.



Maggie's Centre with Kim Wilkie Swansea, Wales



Silverwood, St. Peter's Hospital Chertsey

Attractive yet robust ward gardens set within a high security mental health facility, for Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.





Hythe War Memorial Hospital New Forest

New community outpatient facility on a challenging, steeply sloping site, with Architecture PLB. Surrounded by woodland identified in the Local Plan as a valued 'Landscape Feature', requiring a sensitive approach to preserving the landscape setting.



Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Farnham

Design of new hospice garden with distinct zones, plus voluntary work alongside the gardening team to relocate plants from the existing grounds.



Erskine Court Extra Care Facility Southampton

New garden incorporating multiple areas for gardening, eating and relaxing. Included features suitable for residents with dementia. With Ken Scaddan Associates for Southampton City Council.

terra firma's healthcare projects are led by director **Alison Galbraith** who is an **ex-nurse** and brings a unique understanding of **landscape design in healthcare settings**. Projects include a secure mental health unit, a specialist cancer care centre, a community hospital and a hospice.



Heritage Landscapes





Sutton Hoo National Trust

Woodbridge, Suffolk

RIBA National Award winning scheme for landscape interventions and assessment related to visitor experience upgrades for museum plaza, interpretive routes and viewing tower for this hugely important Anglo Saxon burial site.



Muslim Burial Ground

Horsell Common, Woking



Memorial garden to fallen Muslim soldiers. A reflective fusion of Islamic traditional garden with Surrey Heath which was subject of a BBC documentary and overall winner of the 2019 Local Government News Urban Green Space Award.



Brookwood Cemetery

Surrey

A land reclamation scheme, processing previously dumped material and re-purposing it as new burial grounds, connected by a boardwalk across tranquil wetlands.





**Le Court Leonard Cheshire
Memorial Garden**
Liss, Hampshire

The final piece of a masterplan to re-purpose the original Cheshire Home is a memorial to its founder designed by terra firma and a Horticulture Week Award nominated garden that remains open to the public



Dropmore Estate
Buckinghamshire

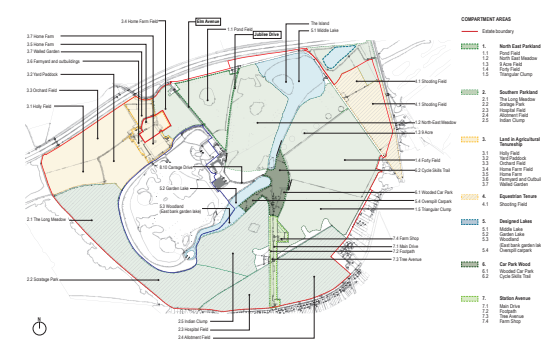
Conservation Management Plan
and Landscape Masterplanning for
historic estate built by Prime
Minister Lord Grenville and home
to an important pinetum.





Falklands Islands Memorial Chapel Berkshire

Design for the setting and garden of the conflict's prime national memorial.



Osterley Park London

Conservation Management Plan for the National Trust's West London flagship project.



Heritage landscapes are often **complex** and terra firma have a **keen understanding** of the importance of **historical evidence** in design work.



Grove Place Hampshire

Masterplanning historic parkland for new school premises, along with replacement of lime avenue.





Infrastructure and Defence





NATS Prestwick
Scotland

terra firma have worked on numerous other confidential infrastructure and defence projects, details and images of which cannot be shared here.



West Yorkshire Police
Headquarters & Training
Facilities
Leeds and Wakefield



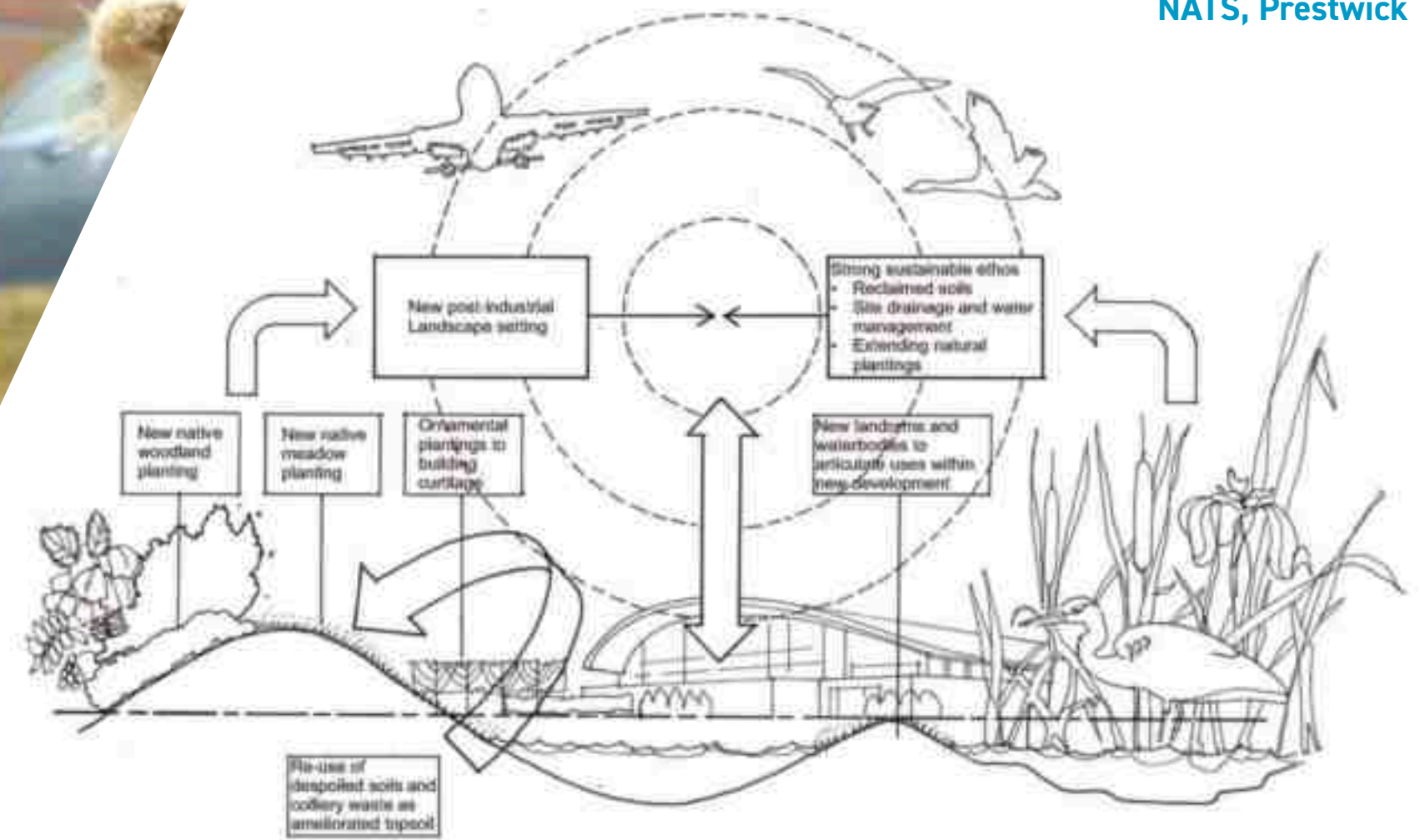
Lansdowne Secure
Children's Home
Hailsham

Highly specialised care unit completed in two phases, requiring a deep understanding of the needs of residents.



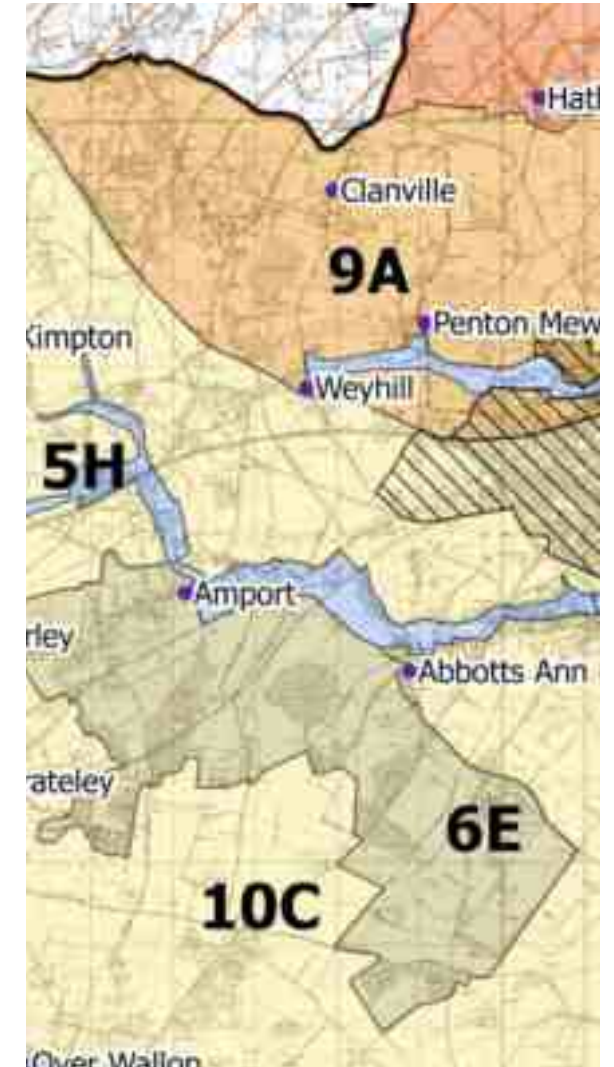
Sustainability

NATS, Prestwick





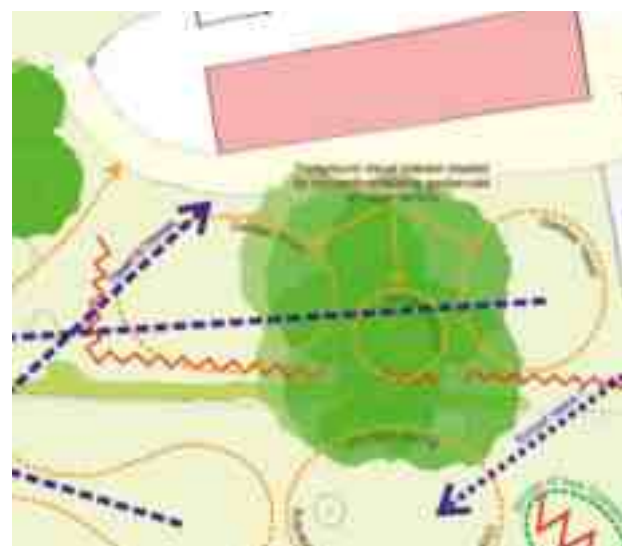
Landscape Assessment, Planning and Management



Mining Impacts

St. Papoul

Mining impacts study for private residence at St. Papoul, France



Les Quennevais School
Jersey



New RNLI Berths
Isle of Man



As a
Landscape Institute
registered practice,
terra firma has
produced a variety of
supporting documents
for **local authorities,**
including **landscape**
capacity studies, and
design guidelines for
new developments.



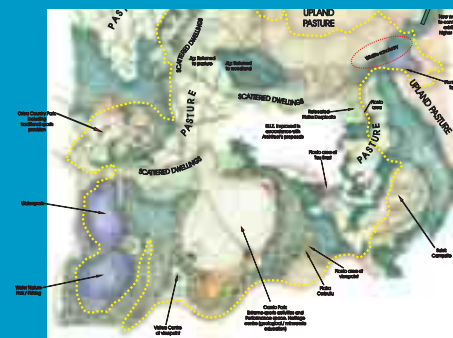
Causeway Farm Housing
Petersfield



Waste Water Treatment Plant
Europa Point, Gibraltar
EIA for important new infrastructure involving offshore appraisal.



Rosia Montana Goldfields
Romania
EIA and masterplan for landscape regeneration of Europe's largest Open Cast Goldmine



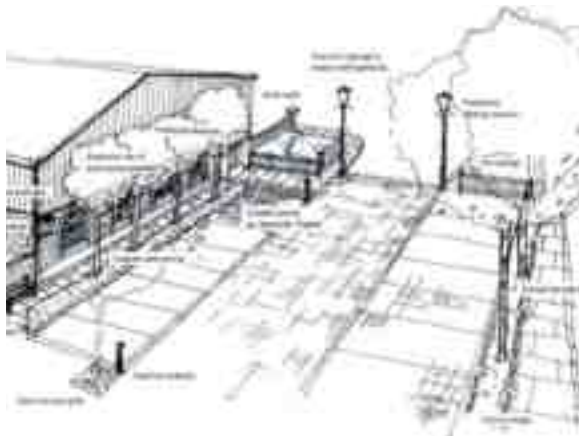
Roots Hall
Southend-on-Sea



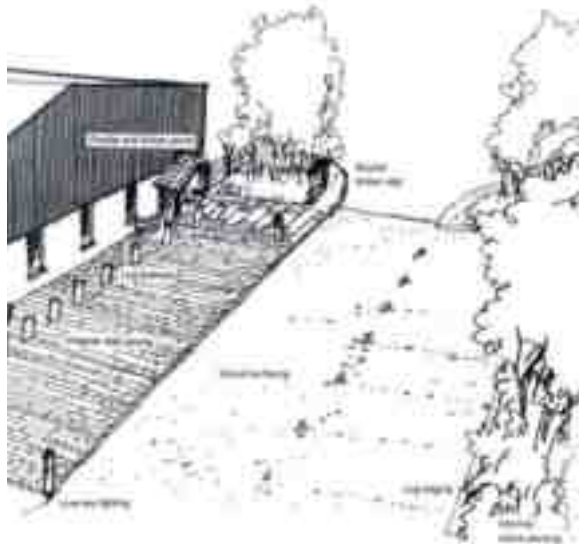
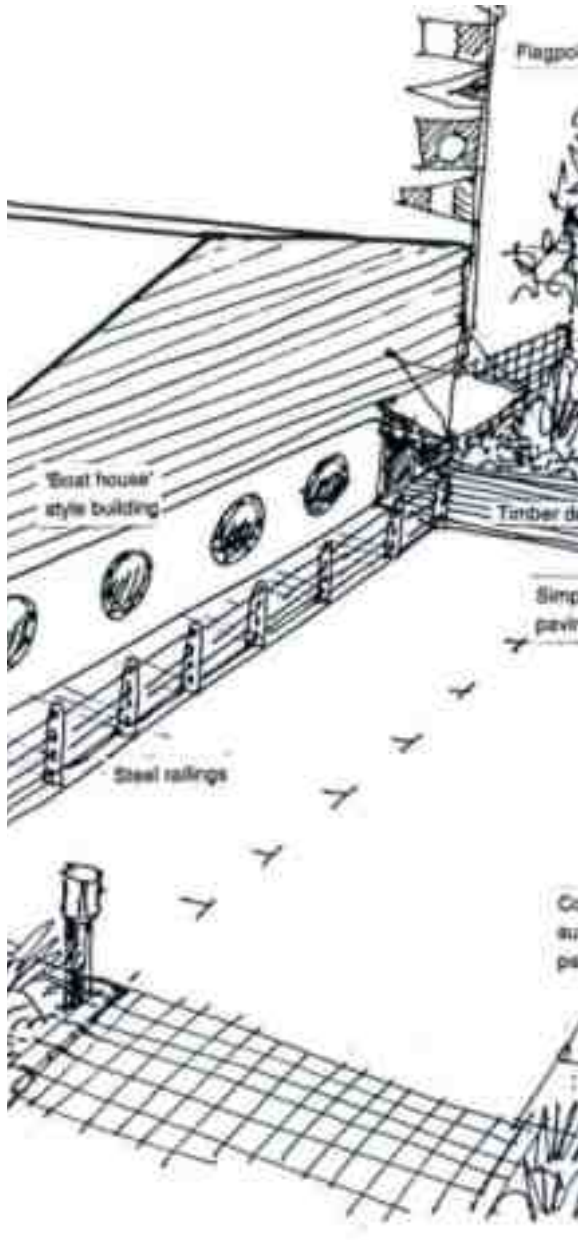
Phoenix Project Lewes

Advice through LVIA process to masterplan for Human Nature's ground-breaking carbon positive redevelopment of Lewes' NE Quarter.





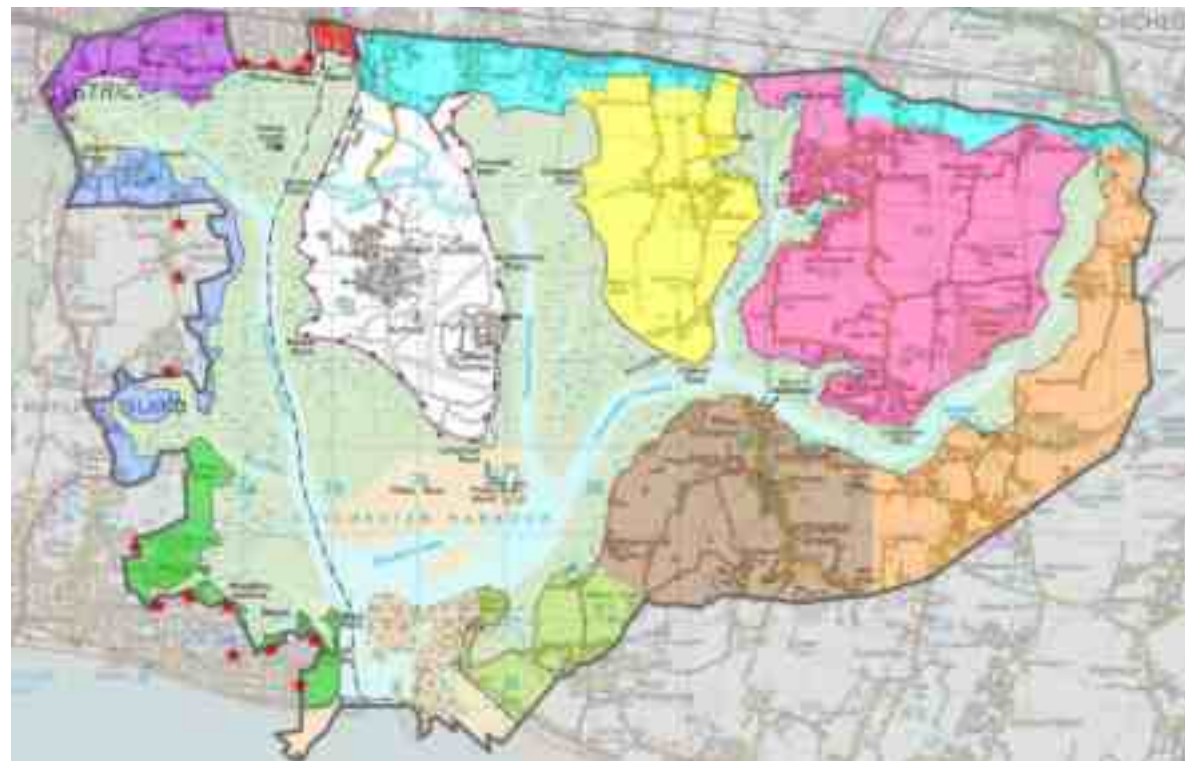
Building Integration Guidelines
Isle of Wight



Basingstoke Housing Capacity Study
with Bettina Kirkham
Hampshire



Chichester Harbour AONB Design Guidelines
West Sussex



General guidelines:



2. SCALE AND MASSING

The scale, mass and design of your house or extension will be critical to ensuring that the development is appropriate to the character of the AONB landscape. Houses of a greater size or grander appearance may lead to a loss of local character.

Where appropriate, your development proposals should complement surrounding development character. For example if your house plot is set within an area of predominantly single storey bungalows, then a two or three storey house or extension may not be acceptable.

The position within the plot is very important to consider, not only for the siting of the house or extension itself, but also to make sure that the privacy and amenities, such as light, of neighbouring properties are preserved.

3. GUIDANCE ON SIZE INCREASE

Extensions or replacement dwellings can have a significant impact on the wider AONB landscape, particularly when a significant increase in size is proposed. When considering substantial increases, a guideline of a 50% increase above the existing footprint, and a 25% increase above the existing silhouette (on any elevation visible from the wider landscape) is likely to be the maximum increase that may be acceptable (provided the property has not already been significantly extended).

For replacement dwellings, applicants should submit proposed elevations and plans with the outline of the existing house superimposed on the plans, so that the proposed size increase is obvious. The increase will be assessed on its impact as viewed from the wider landscape; this might be from the water, footpaths, or across open countryside.

The acceptability of any increase in size (whether within the guideline limits or not) will be dependent on whether the site can accommodate the increase while still respecting local character by reflecting the surrounding pattern of development and spaces between buildings. Acceptability will also depend on the setting of the site within the landscape, and the design, materials and finishes employed. Larger replacement dwellings or extensions will require careful thought about siting, silhouette, height, massing and articulation, particularly of roof lines. A glossary of terms is included on page 32.



Flood risk
Predicted future rises in sea level mean that new properties may be required to be built on a higher level than existing ground; approximately 1 - 1.5m. Mitigation of the increased visual impact of this requirement is possible through careful design of roof lines, height of eaves and reduction of roof pitch.

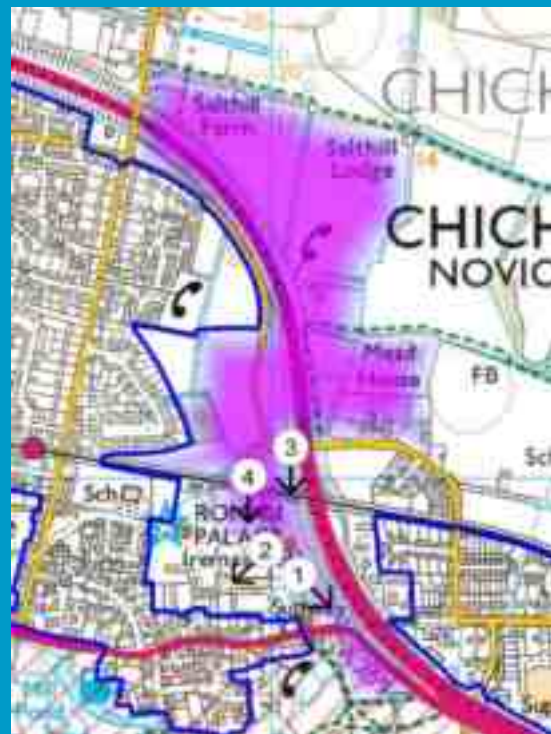
GUIDELINES FOR NEW DWELLINGS AND EXTENSIONS
Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



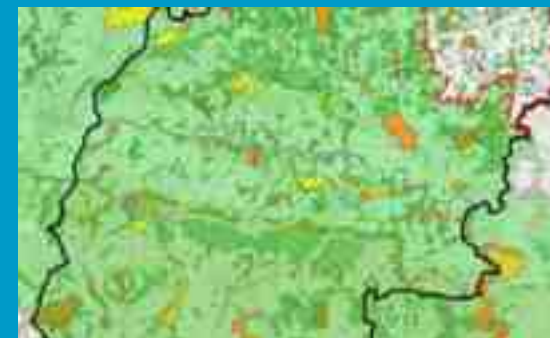
Twyford Parish Landscape Assessment
Hampshire



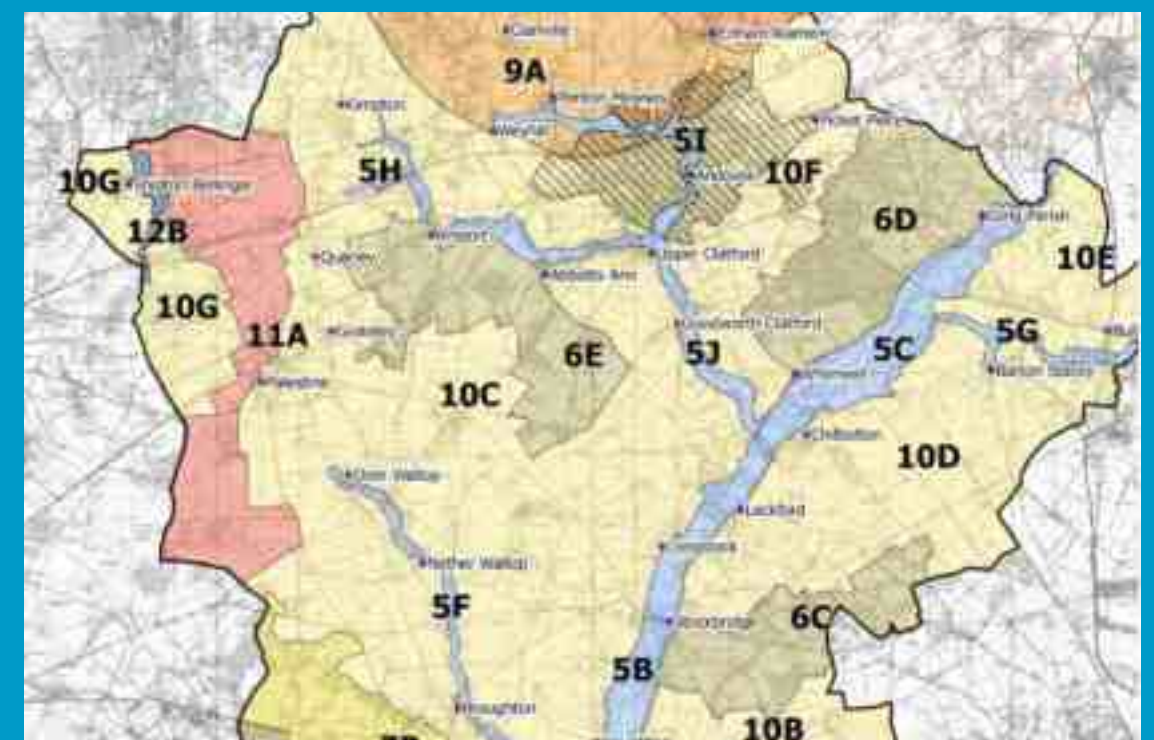
Test Valley Borough Council Landscape Character Assessment
Hampshire



Chichester Capacity & Gap Studies
Chichester District



Chiltern & South Bucks Capacity Study
Buckinghamshire

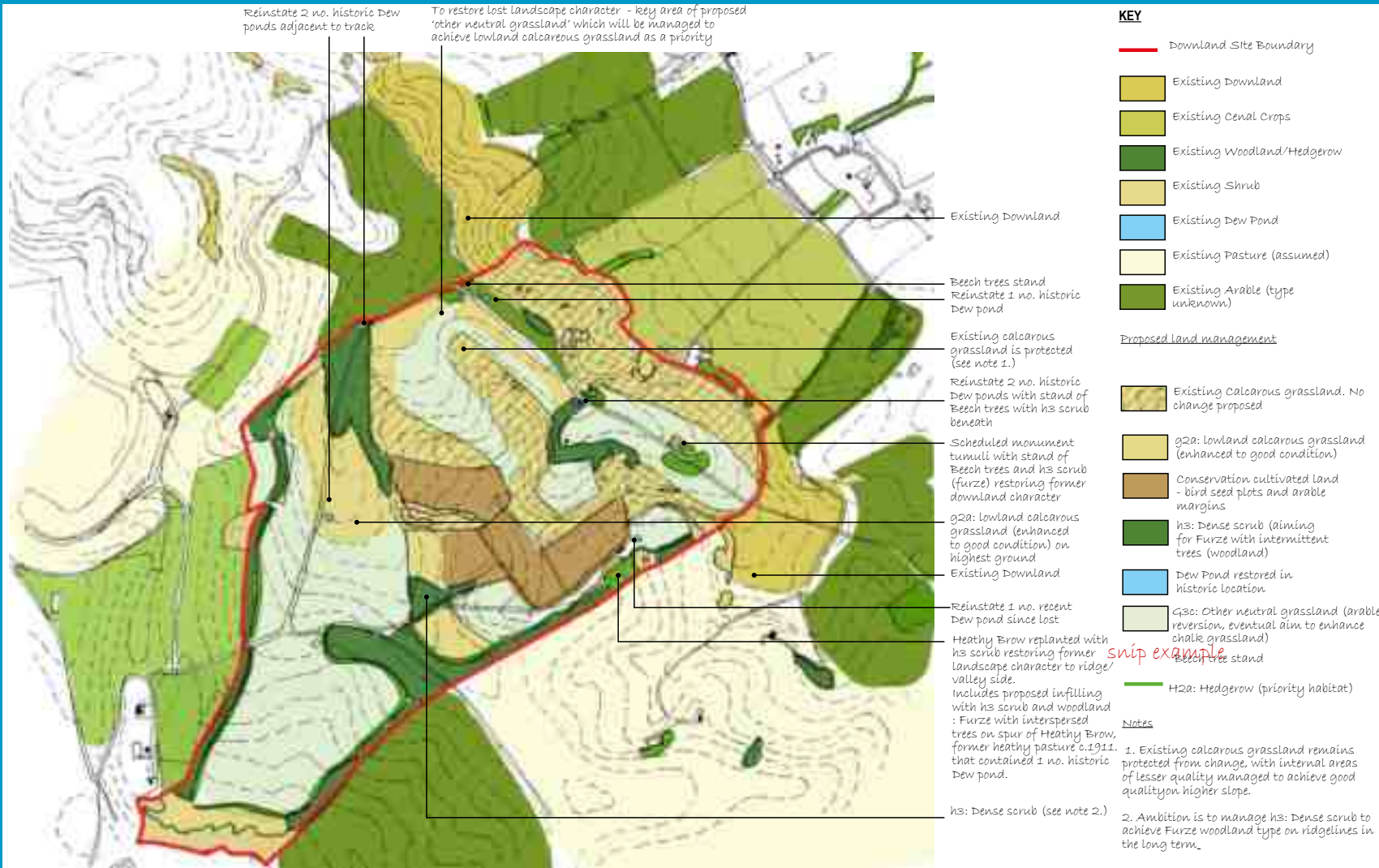




SDNPA Viticulture

South Downs National Park

Landscape input to Vinescape's study for the future of the wine industry in the national park, including climate change modelling.



Project: Iford Estates
Drawing title: Downland Plan
Drawing no: 2432-SK-20230320-0001
Date: 20.03.23



Visual impacts of viticulture on the South Downs National Park landscape

The fundamental character of the South Downs, such as their open quality, could be affected by vineyards. The visual impact of vineyards and hedging is very different to arable crops or pastureland, and the report found that there is potential for visual degradation if the scale of vineyards is too extensive or if they are inappropriately located. The study includes several scenic traditional Park views, in which potential for vineyard sites to be integrated into the landscape, or to be integrated with the landscape, is assessed. The study also includes several scenic traditional Park views, in which potential for vineyard sites to be integrated into the landscape, or to be integrated with the landscape, is assessed. The study also includes several scenic traditional Park views, in which potential for vineyard sites to be integrated into the landscape, or to be integrated with the landscape, is assessed.



Iford Estate

Lewes

Landscape advice to 800ha nature enhancement and restoration project using Biodiversity Net Gain to fund transformative landscape-scale change.

Working in the South Downs National Park



Settlement Studies and Local site plan allocations on behalf of SDNPA



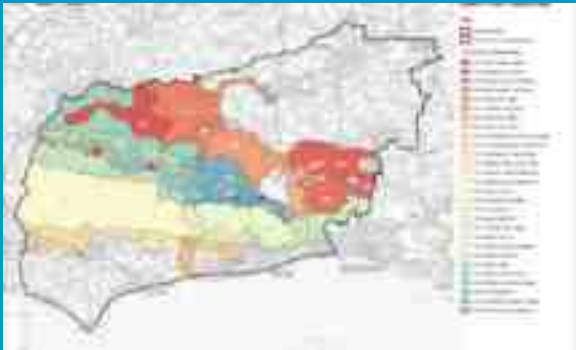
Evidence to support SDNPA response to proposed major Highway improvements



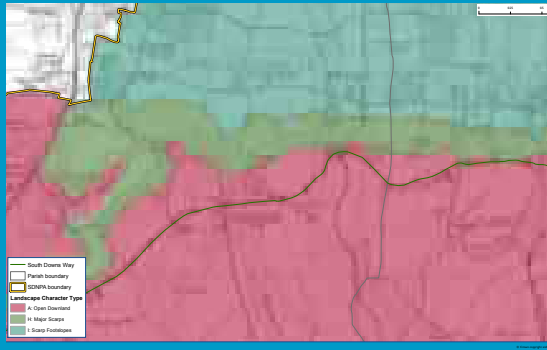
Based within the South Downs National Park, terra firma has not only represented countless clients in seeking Planning Permission but has had numerous appointments to assist the Authority in responding to applications on their behalf.



Butser Ancient Farm application to SDNPA



- On behalf of SDNPA
- Truleigh Hill Landscape Project
- Soft Sand Quarry Landscape Assessment
- Heathland Reunited Sculpture Project



Leisure and Tourism





Forbury Hotel's Cerise Restaurant
Reading



MAIO Beach Development
Cape Verde



Boksto
Lithuania

A remarkable urban scheme in the city's old town that re-purposes an historic hospital site for high end residential and office uses along with restaurant and spa. terra firma LT were integral to the design team in modelling and overseeing delivery of the open spaces.





Leisureworld Southampton

Vision for area regeneration with
Chapman Taylor Architects for
Sovereign Centros.



Butlins Spa Hotel Masterplan Bognor Regis



Wendover Woods with Forestry Commission Buckinghamshire

Upgraded access and parking with
associated landscape works alongside
new visitor centre (by ReFormat
architects) for Forestry England.



Butterfly World with Ivan Hicks Hertfordshire





Hoe Valley School & Woking Sportsbox

Woking

New secondary school and leisure centre in a Green Belt with extensive sports facilities.



Da Peng Valley

China

Masterplanning project for extensive mixed use and leisure.



Butser Ancient Farm

Hampshire

Plans for extending this important experimental archaeology and educational site in the heart of the South Downs.



Le Meridien Mina Seyahi (W Hotel)
Dubai
Landscape design by TFLA Dubai



Hilton Roof Garden
Vilnius

terra firma LT designed landscape for new landmark city centre hotel, including public realm and rooftop garden.



Winchester Leisure Centre
Winchester
Integrated green and blue infrastructure.





Masterplanning





Hanza City with Grupa 93 Latvia

Green Infrastructure
strategies for new area of
the city with Grupa 93.



Al Falah New Town

with Alshamsi terra firma and
Alison Hailey
Abu Dhabi

Landscape masterplanning for
80,000 population new town.



Houghton Regis Place Shaping

with Place Make
Central Bedfordshire

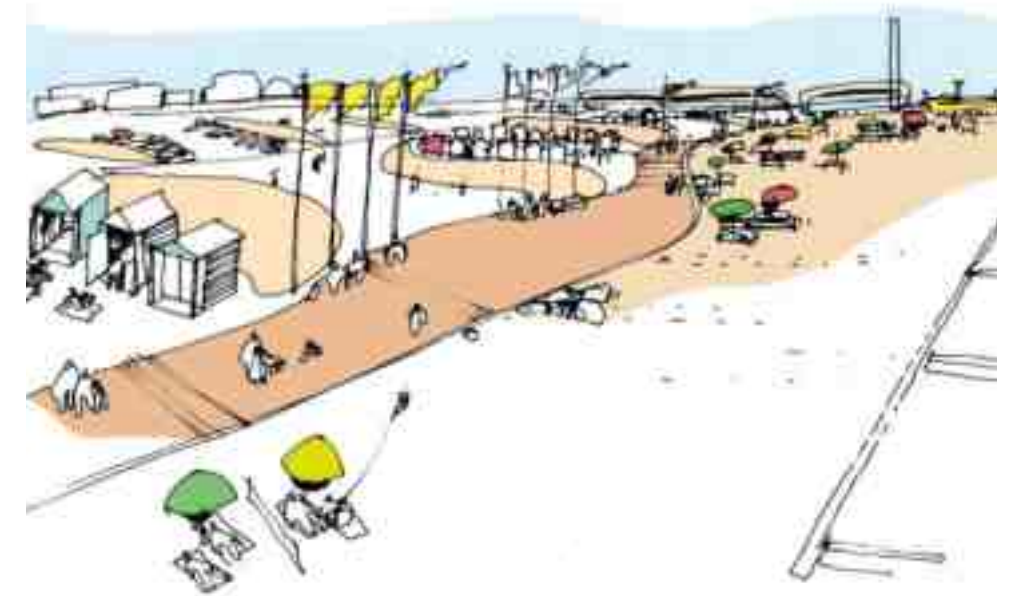




Hayling Island Seafront

Hampshire

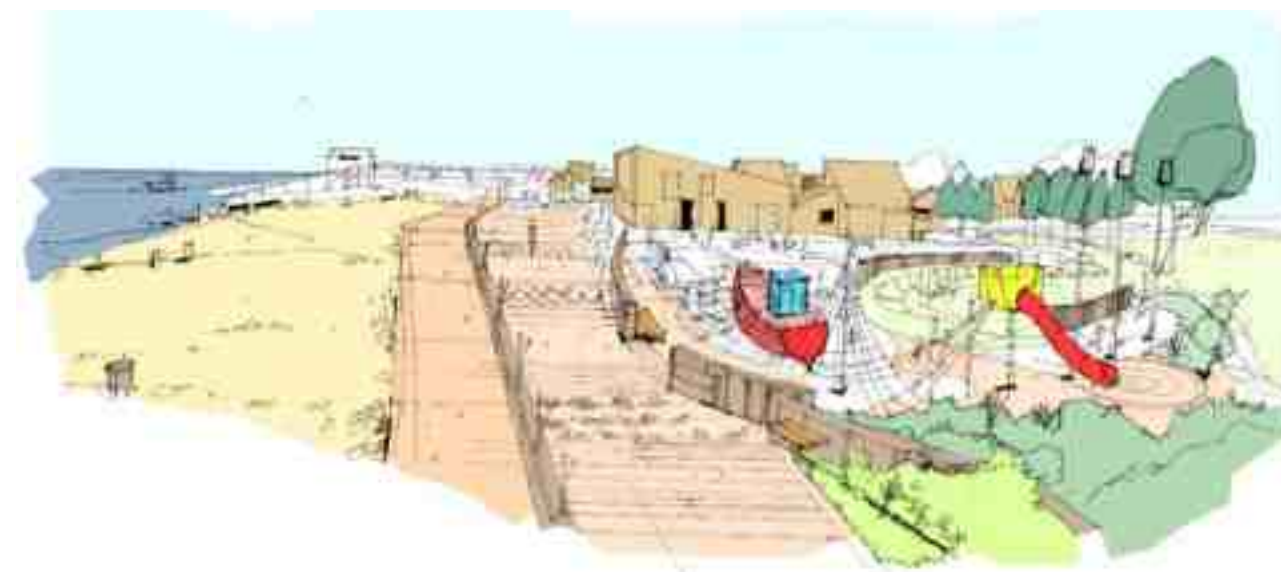
Seafront regeneration project.



Beirut Waterfront EXPO & Garden Festival

Lebanon

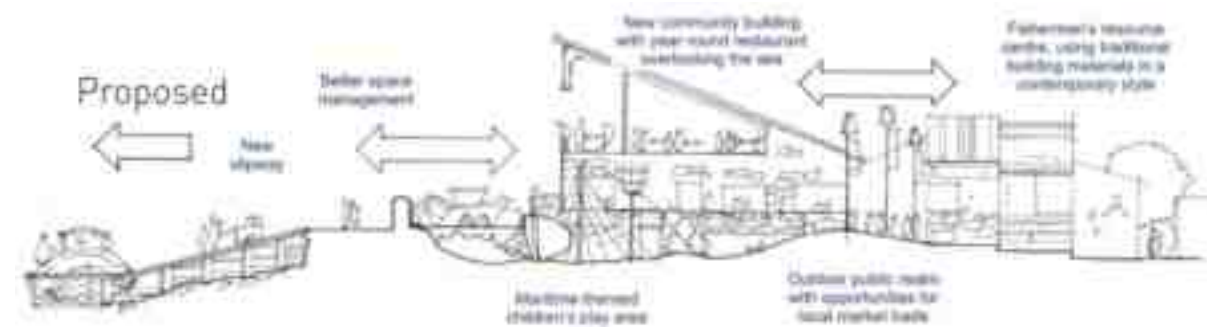
Seafront regeneration project.



East Beach Seafront

Selsey

Seafront regeneration project.



Sense of place

East Beach, Selsey





Cambridge Biomedical Area

Cambridge

Landscape input into exploration of masterplan for extension area with Allies Morrison and Hawkins Brown.

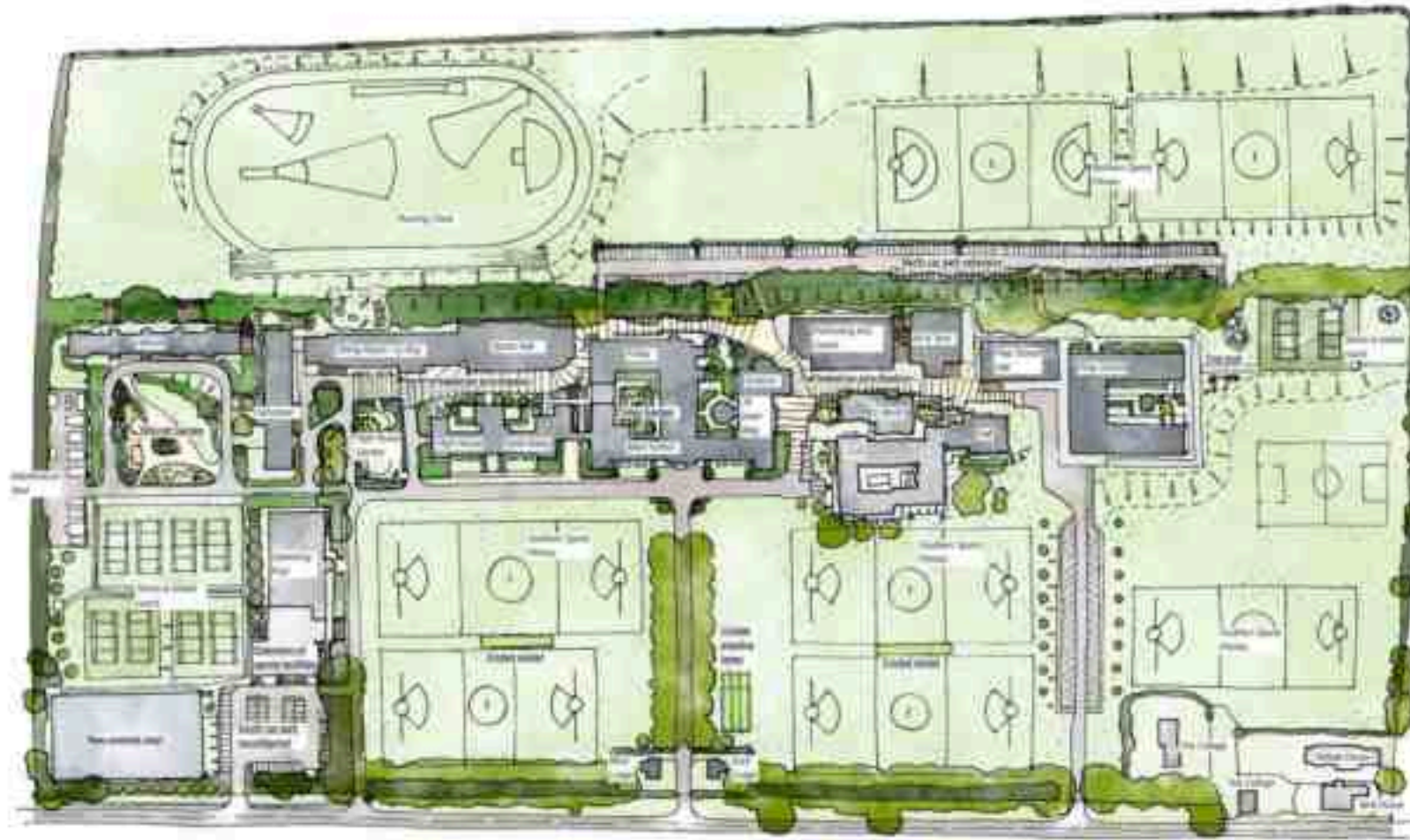


The English School

Nicosia, Cyprus

Masterplan for Cyprus' most prestigious school.





St. Swithun's School

Winchester

Site wide masterplanning for a 45 acre prep school in Hampshire.



Enviropark

Portsmouth

Millennium Vision for a 21st Century eco-park on a restored refuse tip at gateway to the city.





Parks and Gardens





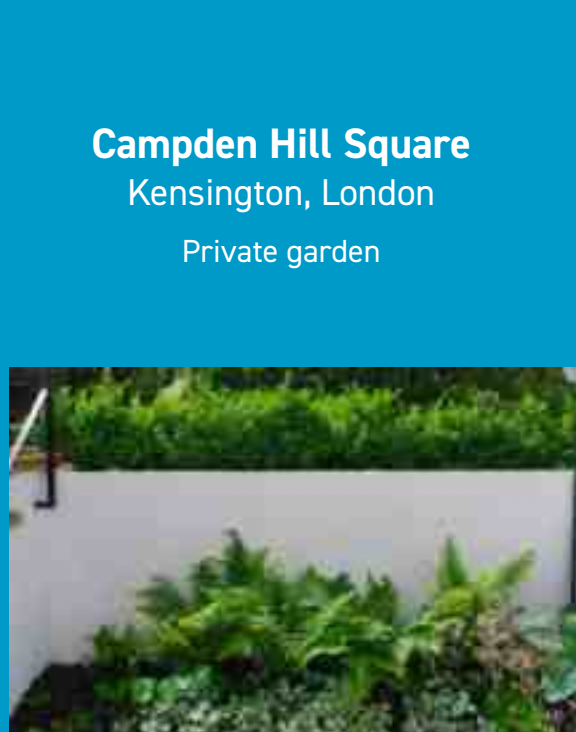
Old Queen Street
London
Private garden



Tittenhurst Park
Ascot, Berkshire



Creation of an extraordinary
parkland gardens within the
framework of an historic arboretum.



Campden Hill Square
Kensington, London
Private garden



Panorama Road
Poole
Private garden



Dulwich Village
London
Private garden



Parks and gardens are the **building blocks** of many schemes and terra firma prides itself on designs to **promote health, well-being** and appreciation of **nature for all**.



Renovated Chalk Quarry
Hampshire
Private garden





Public Realm





Petershill

City of London

Series of public open spaces at the foot of St Paul's designed by Lionel Fanshawe while at CFA and completed with input after joining terra firma in 1996.



Lion Square & Dennis Schiama Building

Portsmouth



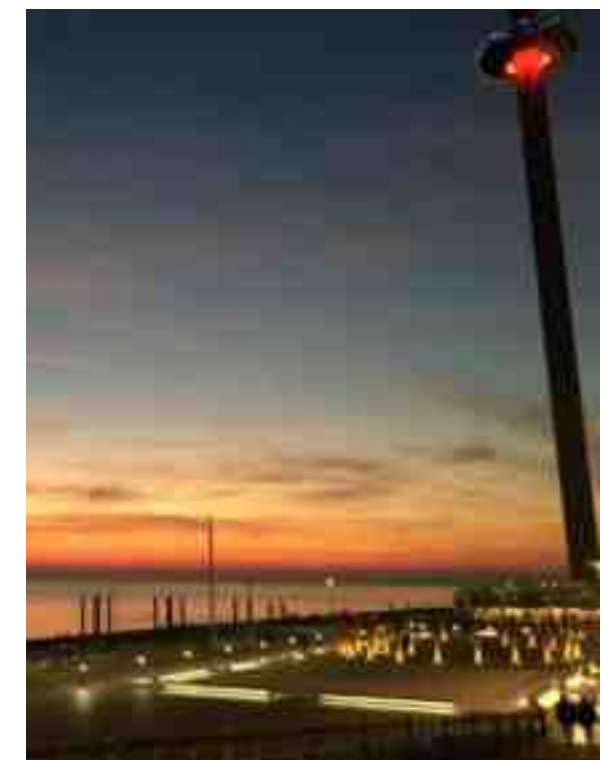
Re-design of public square in tandem with new building for the University of Portsmouth



BA i360 Public Realm Plazas

with Fiona Atkinson
Brighton

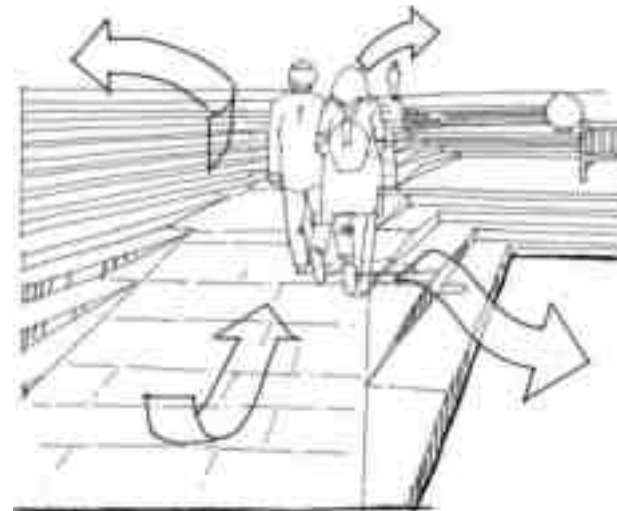
Award-winning detailed design of two seafront space either side of the iconic vertical pier



Complex problems, simple solutions

Petershill, City of London

- Multi-directional steps arrangement
- Predominant route allowing ramp access at 1:20+ to avoid handrails
- Platforms created at regular intervals to allow rest and activity
- Generously proportioned steps allow sitting opportunities





Cumberland Street Homezone Portsmouth

Award-winning retro fit homezone
for Portsmouth City Council



Chichester Canal Basin West Sussex



Hohhot Retail

with Alison Hainey
Inner Mongolia, China

Retail project in northern China
masterplanned with Alison
Hainey and Geddes architects.



Paddington Canal Basin London





Quadrum
with terra firma LT
Vilnius, Lithuania



White City Regeneration Area
(with Ramboll UK and
Sisk Contractors)
London Borough of
Hammersmith and Fulham

Public plaza and new pedestrian bridge at
the entrance to a major redevelopment in
the heart of West London.



Harwich Navyard
Essex

Mixed used development
application for re-purposing of
historic shipyard area with
Gaunt Francis Architects.



Manarat Al Saadiyat
with Alshamsi terra firma
UAE



Cultural Centre landscape by Alshamsi
terra firma alongside Aedas Architects.





Vilnia Slopes

Vilnius

New housing area landscape by TFLT.



Japanese Garden

Vilnius

Recently opened public park designed by TFLT.



Sierakausko

Vilnius

TFLT designed public realm for new city district.





Vilnius Stadium

Lithuania

TFLT execution of Martha
Schwartz public realm design.





Residential and Community





Ossulton Court

with Jeremy Rye
Uxbridge

Gardens of new Almshouse
development, for Uxbridge
United Welfare Trust



Sarah Robinson House

Portsmouth, Hampshire

As part of an area regeneration strategy,
terra firma was commissioned to
redesign the grounds of this high-rise
housing block, working closely with
residents to enhance the amenity value
and include a new community planting
garden, improved streetscape and
security, and a range of seating spaces.



Wallpaper

Islington

New residential flats
within renovated factory
with landscape design
on multiple floors.





Willicombe Park
Royal Tunbridge Wells
Older persons retirement complex



Landscape led masterplan (with EIA LVIA) with Plus Architecture and Savills for the redevelopment of the old Syngenta site for contemporary housing community. Achieved planning 2020 and seen as an exemplar project by the SDNP Authority.



Fernhurst Park
West Sussex



Timberyard Lane
Lewes

Recognised in the SDNP Design Awards, this scheme overlooking the River Ouse in Lewes has a contemporary landscape designed by terra firma.





Churchill Retirement Living

Across the UK

terra firma acted as term consultants on multiple projects across the south of England.



Landscape architects have a **crucial role** to play in the housing sector, from the earliest stages of siting a development to **detailed design** of hard and soft landscape finishes.



Kelham Gardens

Malborough

New housing scheme for Village Green Homes with green infrastructure and open space.



Stoneham, Cemetery Road

Southampton

Hampshire's first zero carbon social housing complete with SUDS measures and productive horticulture area.



Al Muneera

with Alshamsi terra firma
Abu Dhabi

Large scale mixed use waterside development.





Ayos Tychonas

Cyprus

Low-irrigation landscape for hillside residential development.



Curzon Street

Mayfair, London

Courtyard roof garden for mixed use development.



Green Infrastructure

The interwoven fabric of nature, land-use and our settlements





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A photograph of a wooden deck with a chair and a curved path in a forest. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text 'terrafirma' is written in a large, white, lowercase sans-serif font across the middle of the image. Below it, the words 'LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS' are written in a smaller, white, uppercase sans-serif font. At the bottom, the website address 'www.terrafirmaconsultancy.com' is written in a small, white, lowercase sans-serif font.

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