2022 highlights from our Heritage, Townscape and Landscape team

Slough Central

Working alongside development manager British Land, our Heritage and Townscape team provided advice and analysis as part of the design team promoting the redevelopment of the keystone Queensmere Shopping Centre site within the town centre of Slough.

An outline planning application for this site is the first exciting step in delivering a wider scheme offering a richer and more vibrant mix of uses, and new building design and public realm for the whole community to use and enjoy – and as part of wider regeneration objectives for the town.

The heart of this scheme will be a new town square, and Design Coding was used to establish the quality and variety of these spaces as well as the form and heights of new buildings ranging from 6 to 19-storeys. Our team worked with the project team and local planning authority to establish a shared baseline understanding of the sensitivities of the site in relation to heritage assets, townscape character and both local and longer distance views, and to also identify opportunities to deliver benefits such as improving the setting of the nearby listed St Ethelbert's Church and creating a stronger and more attractive character and experience for the town centre.

Working closely with the architects Squire and Partners, and professional visualisers, we assessed the likely effects of the scheme at application stage though the preparation of a combined HTVIA report. We considered local heritage and townscape effects, as well as longer distance views towards the skyline of Slough from key locations such as Windsor Great Park. Outline planning permission was secured in September 2022.

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STATUS

Outline planning permission granted

SERVICES

Heritage and Townscape





St Ann's Hospital, London

Hybrid planning application for 970 new homes on the former St Ann's Hospital site.

Located in the London Borough of Haringey, the site forms part of the St Ann's Conservation Area with a number of listed buildings located within close proximity.

Our team worked closely with Karakusevic Carson Architects to develop a sensitively designed scheme that focused on the retention of key historic buildings within the site. The retained buildings celebrate the sites legacy and create landmarks within the new neighborhood. Our team also provided visualisation support through Vu.City assessment in order to test massing through the scheme development and appraise key views to support pre-application discussions with the council.

CLIENT

Catalyst Housing and Hill

STATUS

Planning application submitted

SERVICES

Heritage, Townscape and Landscape



(Former) Jenners Department Store, Princes Street, Edinburgh

Conservation and transformation of an early purpose-built, Category A listed, department store into combined retail and hotel use.

After four years of working with our Planning team and the wider project team, proposals for this iconic project were approved. The building will retain many of its distinctive architectural design principles relating to the social (r) evolution of shopping and the advent of the late 19th century department store. The proposals will reveal several of these principles and introduce some new interventions, such as reinstating a Moorish style mezzanine tea-room gallery and introducing a new grand stair to the central atrium. Roof extensions for a bar and hotel use will unveil a new corner-tower piece towards St Andrew Square to respond to changes in the surrounding townscape.

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STATUS

Planning permission and listed building consent

SERVICES

Heritage, Townscape and Landscape, Planning, Economics



216 – 220 Blackfriars Road, London

Affordable housing development.

Alongside our Planning colleagues we supported a planning application for a new 22-storey office building and 15-storey almshouse building on Blackfriars Road. We provided robust heritage, townscape and views analysis which included early view testing of alternative height and massing options using Vu.City, to support pre-application engagement with London Borough of Southwark and the GLA. We prepared a combined Heritage, Townscape and Visual Impact Assessment for the planning application. Planning permission for the scheme was granted at the beginning of 2022.

CLIENT

Southwark Charities

STATUS

Planning permission granted

SERVICES

Heritage and Townscape, Planning, VIA, Economics, EIA



Renaissance, Manchester

The ongoing repurposing and redevelopment of the existing hotel building located in one of the most historic areas of Manchester.

The historic area around the Renaissance illustrates the major stages of change and development in the city from the Anglo Saxon church on the site of the present Manchester Cathedral, to the present day. Our continued advice includes the redevelopment and extension of Premier House to create new business space and partial demolition of the northern extent of the complex to create two new residential towers.

Our Sustainability team has also supported the project providing an Environmental Standards Statement, Circular Economy Statement, and BREEAM Assessment services. We estimated that over 4,000 tonnes of CO₂ was saved through the hotel retention and refurbishment, over demolition and rebuild.

CLIENT

Property Alliance Group, an affiliate of Starwood Capital

STATUS

Ongoing

SERVICES

Heritage, Sustainability



Inverkip, Scotland

650 new homes, commercial space and community facilities in Inverkip, Scotland.

Transformation of the former Inverkip Power Station into Brueacre Village new community, will give a new lease of life to the site which has been vacant since the former power station was dismantled in 2014. The masterplan will include extensive open spaces, including a public park with foot and cycle paths, creating a place that promotes community, inclusivity and wellbeing for residents. Along the site's Firth of Clyde boundary, a linear coastal park will be created to provide further space for active recreational activities.

CLIENT

ScottishPower

STATUS

Planning permission in principle

SERVICES

Heritage, Townscape and Landscape, Planning, EIA, Design, Economics



Typhoo Wharf

Planning consent for a new 84,001 sq ft custom-built broadcast centre at the former Typhoo Tea Factory for the BBC.

The commitment to conserving the historic building and locally listed façade, which dates back to 1929, was integral to the scheme. The proposals ensured that the history of the site and wider townscape was respected and the distinctive character preserved. The scheme presents a unique and exciting opportunity to retrofit and reenvisage the former factory which has been disused for many decades into a vibrant place to work. This scheme supports the wider redevelopment of ex-industrial buildings in Digbeth, bringing a new cultural and commercial focus to this area, of benefit to local residents and communities.

CLIENT

Stoford

STATUS

Planning consent granted

SERVICES

Heritage, Townscape and Landscape, Planning, EIA, Strategic Communications, Economics

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