

Design

people, place, nature



Highways



Solihull Gateway

The Gateway project consists on £2.3m of highway improvements to a key gateway into Solihull's town centre – Station Road and Poplar Road. The Team played a key role in the design concept for the scheme, in the selection of the materials and street furniture, and in specifying new tree planting. The Team's designer attended public and stakeholder consultation events.

Photomontages by Atkins based on the team's concept designs and product specification



Partnership working



The Team produced the 3D sketch to illustrate proposed landscape improvements at Solihull Station.

North Solihull Regeneration



Dove Way Park occupies the former site of two high rise towers, and the proposals were subject to extensive public consultation. The park offers a meeting area with seating, signage and a feature sun dial, informal play opportunities, an activity area for a kickabout, as well as mounding and tree planting.

Parks and Open Spaces

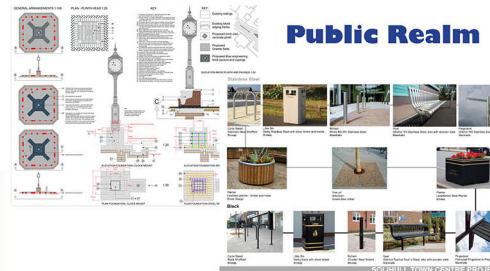
Shirley Park Improvements



The team was appointed to design and implement £600K improvements to Shirley Park. The park was redesigned to create new spaces with differing characters to sit and stroll, with enhanced play and fitness facilities, including playing field drainage to create a new rugby pitch. A dog agility area, was installed for fun and fitness of dog and owner alike. Planting was aimed at encouraging pollinators and creating new habitats including areas of new woodland.

Overall the project has proved extremely positive. The team has been exceptional in both the design and management of the operational delivery. The Team's efforts and commitment have been instrumental in putting Shirley Park on the map as the best park in Solihull.
Chris Barr, Environmental Services Manager

Public Realm



Building communities Making healthy places

Good quality environments help to make healthy and happy communities. One of the most important aspects of landscape and urban design is its influence on quality of life and social interaction. Government policy is increasingly focused on tackling inequalities in health and rising levels of obesity, diabetes, heart disease and depression. One solution to reduce the frequency and impact of such illnesses is to make it easier to be active, by providing accessible, safe, varied and inviting spaces linking homes, places of work and amenities.

Perfecting the detail

The team is adept at creating space with social meaning. The team is trained to see the big picture, get the detail right and keep a wide range of users in mind. Subtle and distinctive planting and the careful craftsmanship of materials can really reinforce both a sense of place and a sense of belonging.

Planning for prosperity Managed Growth

Government planning policy stresses the importance of high quality and inclusive design. The way places are planned, designed and managed has a major impact on the communities they serve.

Part of the value of investing in landscape lies in the way it creates new connections and destinations and a setting for commerce. This improves viability, creates job opportunities and enhances competitiveness. At a site level it increases footfall, boosting the ability of a place to diversify economically or attract greater inward investment.

School Grounds



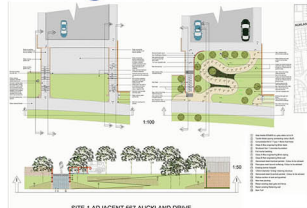
Initial response is wow - it looks amazing.
Sarah Hobden, Castle Bromwich Junior School



Sports and playing field drainage projects in schools and parks.

"Thank you for all your efforts through thick and thin over the last year - our field drainage is fantastic!!!"
Tanya Harvey, ex chair of Langley Primary School

Neighbourhood Improvements

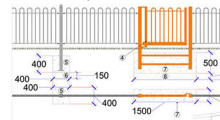


Mull Craft Play Area (above) and interpretation for the local neighbourhood in Smiths Wood (below) on behalf of the North Solihull Partnership

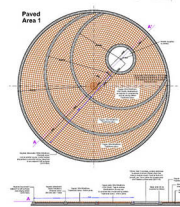


Detail design and construction

Hard landscape features



Planting plans



Landscape Architecture, Ecology and Urban Design



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