

Land and Animal Learning Hub: Bringing environmental learning to a city community

LDA Design first mooted the idea of a community park in North Plymouth in 2007 as part of the expansion of the Derriford neighbourhood. Following the publication of the Derriford Community Park Masterplan, Duchy College expressed an interest in running an educational facility. The proposal for a Land and Animal Learning Hub was borne out of market testing carried out by LDA Design together with Plymouth City Council.

The design for the Hub provides a variety of classroom, studio and office spaces to support an extensive programme of environmental and land-based educational courses.

The Land and Animal Learning Hub forms a key component of the wider park, which will comprise 146 hectares of managed green space, 15 kilometres of footpaths and cycle routes, a grazing farm, café and rare breeds centre.

LDA Design designed the complex of buildings to interact strongly with the site's growing spaces and to act as the Park's centre, while achieving zero carbon targets.



Client
Plymouth City Council/
Duchy College

Location
Plymouth, Devon

Partners
Peter Gunning and Partners

Services Used
Masterplanning, Landscape Architecture

Area
146 ha (total for the park)

¹ Visitor hub

² Learning hub



¹ Illustrative masterplan