

Northala Fields: From construction waste to new landmark

Stand on the highest mound of Ealing’s Northala Fields on a sunny day and you will have the most spectacular view across London, with the London Eye in clear sight.

Northala Fields is an award-winning park adjacent to the A40. It’s widely recognised for four conical-shaped hills, like ancient burial mounds, made from tonnes of construction rubble and spoil. This waste would have headed to landfill at great cost to the environment and to the developer. Instead, working with Ealing Council, LDA Design used the waste to turn Northala into a destination park for local people to enjoy.

The hills have become a distinctive landmark for thousands of commuters travelling along the carriageway. They are also an effective buffer from the noise, air and visual pollution created by the A40, a main artery in and out of the capital.

As well as those views, Northala Fields now provides the local community with boating and fishing lakes, lawns and meadows, an amphitheatre for performances, and a network of paths and cycle routes – all formed from recycled material.



Client
London Borough of Ealing

Location
North Acton, London

Partners
CJ Pryor, CR Swift

Services Used
Landscape Architecture

Area
18.5 ha

Schedule
Completed 2008

¹ One of the four conical landforms (image © Kit Logan)

² Enjoying Northala

³ Northala has become a key local attraction



¹ View from the top of Northala