

Oval Gasworks: Loving life in Lambeth

A new development in The Oval will open up an industrial site closed off to the public for 150 years. The Berkeley Group scheme brings back into use polluted, largely vacant land to allow for 700-plus much-needed new homes and quality public realm. Key to a wider regeneration masterplan, Lambeth Council described it as a positive step demonstrating commitment to making growth and investment work for local people.

LDA Design's proposals support a series of lively everyday spaces inspired by the site's heritage. Each area has its own distinctive character, with well-chosen materials and planting creating cohesion. These spaces can scale up to accommodate community events from farmers' markets to seasonal celebrations.

Cutler's Way Pocket Park will become a popular green space for residents. Elegant bespoke paving designs follow the line of the gasholders. The site also features a co-working space for start-ups and new pedestrian and cycle routes. Integrated 'play on the way' adds interest and delight. The site's iconic listed No1 Gasholder, which frames the world-famous Oval Cricket Ground, will be taken down and rebuilt with a high-quality apartment block within its frame.



Client
Berkeley Group

Location
The Oval, London

Partners
Grid Architects, Boyer Planting, Vectos

Services Used
Landscape Architecture

Area
3.6 ha (Phase 1 and 2)

Schedule
Planning secured 2018

¹ Bespoke paving echoes the site's heritage

² Oval Gasworks sketch

³ Oval Gasworks, a social place to be



¹ Illustrative masterplan for Oval Gasworks, London