

Westgate: Breathtaking views over Oxford's 'dreaming spires'

As well as being home to one of the most famous universities in the world, Oxford is a vibrant city of industry, commerce and culture. Over the last few decades, however, a combination of the medieval street layout, the city's historic buildings and diverse land ownership have hampered the evolution of a modern retail offer.

Land Securities' Westgate changes this by delivering a new shopping centre that strengthens retail provision in Oxford, whilst complementing the City's outstanding architectural heritage.

The design features rooftop dining that capitalises on panoramic views of Oxford's world famous 'dreaming spires'.

Land Securities commissioned LDA Design to develop its competition-winning 'Kitchen Quad' proposals for this space, with its aromatic herbs, ornamental vegetables and fruit trees, long dining tables with their own herb plantings, 'crinkle-crankle' seats, and etched vegetable motifs, set within a spatial structure that allows for a programme of events to take place throughout the year.

Westgate's rooftop, with its breathtaking views and fragrant planting, has quickly established itself as a popular spot to lunch and linger.



Client
Land Securities

Location
Oxford

Partners
BDP Architects

Services Used
Landscape Design

Area
0.2 ha

Schedule
2015 - 2018

¹ The rooftop offers a flexible space for dining, relaxing and staging events

² Dining terraces are lined by ornamental vegetable and herb planting

³ Westgate's rooftop has become a popular spot in Oxford for both day and night



1-3 The 'Kitchen Quad' provides a variety of spaces, each with spectacular views over Oxford's spires

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