Twickenham Riverside

Location: London Borough of Richmond Client: Richmond Council Date of competition: 2019

Our proposals for Twickenham Riverside harness water, the river and the connections people love to make with them.

As well as providing new affordable sustainable housing to Passivhaus standard, high quality retail, office space, and a reconfigured Diamond Jubilee gardens, we proposed three additional specific interventions to make Twickenham Riverside a unique destination to visit, work and live.

- A new floating landscape creates a direct connection to the river and its tides for the enjoyment of the public and to make a landing point for river traffic.
- A covered market building draws people and activity from the town and opens up direct connections to the river and new activity spaces.
- We also proposed a new outdoor public natural pool - the first in the UK - to provide an economic and sustainable solution for inexpensive public access swimming in a green landscape. Floating reed beds intercept surface water run-off which is then naturally cleaned before passing into the river.

As the story of water extends to the heights of our scheme, the waters edge is further activated as a key component in our design.





The scheme is dominated by a green landscape that surrounds the hard surface external spaces. The landscape becomes a backdrop for creative activities including outdoor theatres, cinemas and art exhibitions.



Co-working office space above a covered market. 'Subscribers' could use the facilities on a flexible basis.



Areas for play are woven throughout the scheme. Spatial use is characterised by choice of landscape materials; passive places are predominantely planted, while active spaces are mostly paved.