

Location: Islington, London
Budget: £300,000
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Status: Completed

Arsenal Lough Road Green Space

with Artist Nayan Kulkarni

"The decision to distinguish clearly between triangular meadows and beds on one side, and kidney-shape planting with well-oriented, curved seating on the opposite side only adds to the design integrity.

The hatched surface of the central 'square' suddenly reveals itself as a reference to the axis of Caledonian Road, overlaid with the axis of Piper Close"

Michael Asselmeyer, Principal Urban Designer, LB Islington



The open space design is the product of significant consultation with the local residents and school children alongside the Local Authority's many works departments including the arboricultural, horticultural, safety and access officers, planning, legal, lighting and urban design teams. The key purpose of the scheme is to provide a shared amenity space for the 125 new-build residential flats, and to create a green oasis in an otherwise hard inner city landscape.

One of the key requirements from existing residents was the concept of creating a sense of domestic and organic garden in an urban setting. The design therefore contains a series of horticultural 'fields' and natural screens which, when established, will augment the sensory experience of the square through their changing foliage, shape, smell and structure.

