

# Interpreting project brief & planning policy through design & construction

The designer's perspective



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#### My role

- Involved in the project since 2010
- Project Manager for infrastructure design
  - Supported development of masterplan
  - Supported OPA , prepared sitewide strategies
  - Developed design for sitewide infrastructure for Phase 1
  - Developed design for on-plot infrastructure
- Multi-disciplinary co-ordination



#### **Interfaces / consultees**







#### Designers



### Project Brief & Policy Background – landscape/drainage

### Project Brief

- create parkland and wildlife corridors linking the surrounding areas
- create a community facility with high quality green spaces
- create a landscape setting
- create opportunities for habitat restoration and enhancement

- Policy Background
  - NWC Area Action Plan
  - Phase 2 Water Cycle Strategy
  - Cambridge Surface Water Management Plan



### **Surface Water Drainage Strategies**



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# OPA



#### Masterplan considerations

- Desire for high quality landscape
- Understand existing drainage regime and flooding mechanisms
- Include spatial allowance for conveyance and attenuation
- Orientate blocks to work with topography
- Develop masterplan and site levels to reduce flood risk and accommodate exceedance flows
- Incorporate cascading SuDS and Long Term Storage

### **Constraints and opportunities**

### - Constraints

- Geology
- Levels
- Wet spot
- Washpit Brook
- Existing ecology
- Opportunities
  - Use water as a resource
  - Reduce flood risk
  - University lead in best practice
  - Client with long-term interest in project and wider area







#### **Evolution of the masterplan**





2008



2011





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### **Development of Western Edge proposals**

#### Constraints

- HP gas main
- Existing ecology
- Award watercourse
- Washpit Brook riparian zone
- M11 culverts

### Designed to provide

- Amenity space
- Noise / visual screening
- Balanced earthworks
- Washpit Brook
- Surface water attenuation



#### Illustrative masterplan







# **Sitewide Conditions**



#### **Surface Water Drainage Strategy**



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### Water Supply Strategy

Feature	Water use estimation litres / person / day	Water Demand Type
WC	12.3	Non-potable
Taps (excluding kitchen taps)	7.2	Potable
Bath	15.5	Potable
Shower	23.9	Potable
Kitchen sink taps	11.8	Potable
Washing machine	14.3	Non-potable
Dishwasher	3.3	Potable
Garden	5.0	Non-potable
Total potable demand/person	61.7	
Total non-potable demand/person	31.6	
Total demand/person	93.3	



#### **Review of water use**

- Investigation of options to reduce water use
- Review of single, grouped or sitewide treatment facilities
- Decision to use surface water drainage network to common treatment facility
- Incorporation of non-potable water distribution network



#### Storage requirement

- Reviewed local rainfall data to determine supply
- Determined demand for non-potable water
- Determined storage required to maintain 30 day supply
- Lagoon size reviewed





# **RMA designs**

#### Surface water design development

- Landscape designed to accommodate attenuation
- Promotion of Water Sensitive Urban Design
- Consideration of maintenance
- Levels designed to consider exceedance
- Coordination of landscape and underground features



### **Primary Street**







### **Green fingers**





#### Western Edge Attenuation Lagoon





#### Western Edge









### **Examples of SuDS**











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# **Detailed design**



#### Sitewide infrastructure

- Complex underground network
- Surface and foul water networks
- Potable and non-potable water
- District Heating and gas
- -LV & HV electricity, traffic signal ducts
- -BT, Virgin, Granta communications networks
- Underground bins and tree pits
- Civil 3D models, coordinated in Navisworks

#### **Coordinated designs**





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# Construction



### **Designer's role during construction**

- Prepared CEMP & Pollution Control Strategy
- Prepared haul road design with pollution control lagoons
- Works let as Design & Build
  - Design assurance role
  - Review drawings to ensure design intent and compliance with RMA
  - Design coordination role

### **Progress to date**







# Conclusion

### What have we learned from this project?

- One solution can have multiple benefits
- Sustainable and green solutions can be cheaper to build and maintain than heavily engineered solutions and bring aesthetic benefits
- Rainwater is a true resource that should be recycled wherever possible
- Proud to be involved in landmark project
- Sharing best practice with other clients in order to apply to other projects

#### **The Vision Delivered**





# Thank you

