



Lawfords Wharf, Camden, London, UK

Canalside Mixed-uses:
Revitalising a Neglected Conservation
Area Site



It may be a small development but it is one that makes a big impact. It has played an important part in the regeneration of the area...



National Homebuilder Design Awards, Judges' evaluation

Lawfords Wharf in Camden was a former builder's yard. The triangular shaped site is constrained by the Grand Union Canal to the north and by existing dwellings on Royal College Street to the east and Lyme Street to the south. Existing limited vehicular access was via Lyme Street.

The site is located within a Conservation Area and contained two Grade II* listed workers' cottages.

Planning guidance for the site was for mixed-uses to provide housing and employment opportunities.

Project Delivery

- The mixed-use scheme consists of a number of different buildings designed to create local landmarks and denote a gateway into Camden from northern approaches over the canal and along the canal towpath approaches from the east and west.
- The scheme responds to building height constraints, sensitively proportioning new development to prevent overlooking of neighbouring dwellings.
- Creation of an active frontage to address the curve of the canal towpath with two contemporary buildings that contain 12 apartments, and 540 m² of office and gallery/studio space.
- A four storey elevation to complete the street frontage on Royal College Street.
- A landscaped courtyard incorporating surface parking that is enclosed by the canal side buildings and the two Grade II* listed cottages, which have been restored, extended and converted into offices.
- Contemporary elevational approach of white render and timber panelling to sit comfortably within the existing context.

Client

Berkeley Homes

Awards

*National Homebuilder Design Awards 2004
Commendation for Best Small Housing Development*

