



Queen Elizabeth Park, Guildford, UK

A New Neighbourhood:
Connecting Communities



Set within an area of typical post-war housing, this exceptional site provides a much-needed green lung



Building for Life, Judges' Evaluation

Queen Elizabeth Park is a former MOD army barracks and depot located two miles to the north-east of the town centre in the Stoughton area of Guildford. The site is set within an area of typical post-war suburban housing that has grown up around the barracks with few local facilities and a deficit of public open space.

The site does not contain any quality buildings worthy of retention but has a mature landscape containing established woodland.

Project Delivery

- A mixed-use, mixed-tenure masterplan developed through extensive consultation with local residents and the local authority that knits the neighbourhoods back together.
- A new village green to create a central focus.
- A network of green routes connecting the village green to surrounding communities.
- Retention and enhancement of the existing landscape, with over 1,000 trees preserved.
- A new square surrounded by 4,550 sq m of uses including a community centre, children's nursery, health and fitness centre, supermarket and 25 small business units.
- Sustainable transport initiatives, including a bus service running through the site, adoption of 'homezone' principles to give pedestrian priority and new footpaths to the local school.
- A variety of house types, from one bed flats to five bed detached houses, designed to be spacious and open plan, with balconies and roof terraces connecting to the landscape.
- 525 new homes, with 35% tenure blind affordable housing distributed around the site.
- A distinctive new neighbourhood granted planning approval within an accelerated timescale due to the quality of the proposals.

Client

Linden Homes and Laing Homes South West Thames

Awards

Building For Life Awards 2004
Gold Standard Award Winner

Housing Design Awards 2004
Highly Commended

Your New Home 2004
Best Development for Family Living

Evening Standard Awards 2003
Best Three Bedroom House
Best Home of the Year

