

landscape architecture: urban design & regeneration

Capita Symonds provides a wide range of landscape and urban design services, encompassing residential, commercial, infrastructure, public realm and recreation developments.



Working in an urban environment, our experience in an urban environment spans the full range of professional services from policy and feasibility studies, through masterplanning, to detail design and implementation. As part of an integrated, multidisciplinary consultancy, we foster a culture of mutual understanding between built and soft environment professionals, with a wealth of expertise gained from designing renewal and town centre improvement schemes, including the design and construction of new high quality civic spaces.

Services provided:

- urban design & public realm
- landscape planning & masterplanning
- environmental regeneration strategies
- environmental impact assessment
- historic landscapes & heritage
- feasibility studies
- community consultation

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Town Hall Square, Blackburn

Capita Symonds aimed to transform a public open space into a pedestrian friendly environment. Working in a conservation area and part of the wider Town Centre Renaissance project, Capita Symonds has created a civic space where a range of flexible activities can take place. As the frontage to the Town Hall, a Grade II listed building, a design was created that complemented the building both in choice of materials and also by reflecting the main characteristics of the building, such as the arched windows that are echoed with a florentine paving layout. The scheme also addressed problems with parking and access conflicts. Capita Symonds included public art in the final design, a collaboration with renowned artist Peter Fink resulted in a changeable lighting scheme to the main elevation of the building. The BALI Award winning scheme comes alive in the evening with a range lighting programmes which illuminates the main features of the building.



Corporation Park, Blackburn

Capita Symonds was commissioned to design and implement the stage 3 HLF funded restoration of the Grade II listed Victorian Park. The park is a fine example laid out from quarries, cloughs and reservoirs for the benefit of the public within a densely populated industrial town. Its layout combined recreation with property development along its boundaries. Capita Symonds was commissioned to project manage the £3m work and to detail the restoration of the parkland, lakes, streams and buildings. Included in the process was involvement of the community and the management team so that gaining support and active involvement safeguards the restoration.



Whalley Range Bazaar, Blackburn

Capita Symonds designed and implemented the £1.2m environmental improvements to the culturally diverse area of Whalley Range adjacent to the town centre. The team was commissioned by Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council to deliver a multidisciplinary design which would improve public realm, pedestrian safety, address traffic circulation and parking issues, whilst enhancing cultural identity and stimulation of local regeneration. The community was intrinsically involved in the final design through various public consultation events. Bespoke artwork was commissioned by local artist Halima Cassell who collaborated with the design team to reflect the culture heritage of the area; this being the gateway to the area.



ReMADE, Burnley

Lancashire County Council appointed Capita Symonds to undertake outline designs and intrusive site investigation for the proposed site in Burnley, Lancashire. Capita Symonds provided landscape architecture and drainage engineering services to the £1m project. The project includes the reclamation and treatment of contaminated land for soft end use, including the design, detailing and construction. Improvements to access have been made through the creation of new entrances and footpaths around the site. Contamination, poor drainage and ground condition were the main problems Capita Symonds overcame through its design solution.



Whitebirk Gateway, Blackburn

Capita Symonds was commissioned by Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council to improve and regenerate a major gateway route into the town centre from the M65. The site includes a landmark piece of public art and extensive landscaping works. The centrepiece was designed in collaboration with artists Eaton Waygood and represents the journey from town to country as well as reflecting the town name. The low maintenance design which includes locally sourced stone and wildflower seeding, created a feature which is both sustainable and enhances the character. Capita Symonds' design changed an important traffic route from an over-grown wooded area with a landmark gateway design and associated environmental improvements. Capita Symonds delivered the scheme on time with a very short design and construction period for the project.



Town Centre Renaissance, Blackburn

Capita Symonds was commissioned to develop an urban design concept to regenerate the public realm to the west of the town centre. £3.4m funding was secured from the North West Development Agency and the government's Liveability Fund to regenerate the Sudell Cross, Lower Northgate, Cardwell Place and Town Hall Square areas of the town centre. Capita Symonds facilitated a public consultation event with local businesses, partners and members of the public to consider and address all the issues before the final design was completed. One of the main drivers for the scheme was to improve conflicts between vehicle and pedestrian movement, working in line with the Transport Strategy and the completion of Blackburn's Orbital Route. The final design included improved traffic management, creation and improvement of civic and public spaces to reinforce townscape character and sense of place whilst acting as a catalyst for regeneration and redevelopment.

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