

Middlehaven

Middlesbrough UK

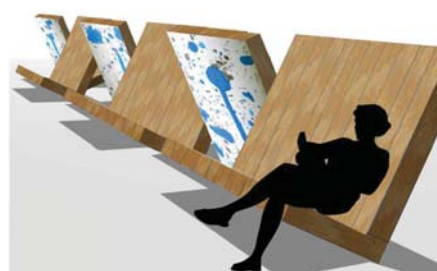
Middlehaven is currently planned to be the largest Zero Carbon project in Europe using the principles of One Planet Living as the basis for all development.

Grant Associates were commissioned to produce the public realm design for the first phase of the Middlehaven development. The strategic framework plan vision for Middlesbrough Dock was a bold statement – The Land of Giants. This was to be a radical landscape of pattern and colour, populated by giant built forms including ‘Sugar Cubes’ and ‘Prada Skirts’ (mixed-use buildings).

Our design includes an armature of giant lighting columns leading into the site from Middlesbrough city centre. These ‘oversize’ elements are complemented by giant arbor structures and semi-mature street trees. Public art is woven into the scheme with narrative tactile paving, chevron cubes (incidental seating) and giant ‘paint splat’ benches, all alluding to the site’s industrial history. The imaginative paving pattern binds the public realm together and cements its distinctive urban character.



Site Area: 4 Hectares (phase 1)
Client: Tees Valley Regeneration
 BioRegional Quintain Ltd
Architects: SMC Alsop
 Studio Egret West
 FAT
Engineers: Martin Stockley Associates
 Buro Happold
Quantity Surveyors: Davis Langdon
Overall Project Value: £20 million (phase 1)



Middlehaven was announced overall winner of the Big Urban Projects category at the MIPIM Architectural Review Future Project Awards 2007.

Top: Masterplan
 Above: Approach to Middlesbrough College with giant lighting columns, chevron cubes and tactile paving image courtesy of MSA
 Left: Paint splat benches; approach to Middlesbrough College image courtesy of MSA