

New Islington Manchester UK

Located to the east of Manchester city centre, New Islington is the government's third Millennium Community. Grant Associates worked on the framework plan for the development and were the lead designers of its public realm.

The proposals for the site, between the Rochdale and Ashton Canals, incorporate new waterways linking these historic navigations and give the new urban quarter an identity of waterside living and parkland. Pockets of calm and unusual landscape gardens link to a bold armature of vibrant public spaces. Provision of local shops, a pub, restaurant and commercial office space will help create a community heart for what will be an entirely new and vital district of Manchester.

Our approach to this project is people-centred, planning for a community of people who will live, work and play in the built environment that we shape. Colour, life and light are essential components of the scheme. A rich mix of house types, distinct architecture, and multiple activities promote a sustainable and varied community and an urban development which is a destination for visitors as well as a home for its residents.

Site Area: 12 Hectares
Client: English Partnerships
Urban Splash
Architects: Alsop Architects
Ian Simpson Architects
FAT
Engineers: Martin Stockley Associates
Fulcrum Consulting
Quantity Surveyors: Davis Langdon
Overall Project Value: £250 million



Top: Masterplan
Above: Cotton Fields Water Park
Left: Opening event: Old Mill Street