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Project Profile: Bristol Temple Quay

Client: SWERDA / UI / Castlemore Securities /Barratts

Value: Programme £1.2M

Public Art Strategy, Planning Negotiations, Commissioning Artists, Delivery

Duration: December 2000 - October 2008









Project Aim

To scope out the potential for public art within one of the largest development sites in the South West, and for this to become a component of the Planning Consent, followed by implementation and delivery.

Objectives

- To consult with stakeholders and key interest groups for each subject
- To explore with developers and landowners the scope for integrated and freestanding projects and build expectations into the regulatory masterplan
- To enhance the public realm and help the developers achieve the aims of the regulatory masterplan and discharge planning conditions
- To deliver projects of the highest artistic standards

Outcomes

- Council and developers endorsement for the public art strategy
- Adoption of the strategy as part of the regulatory masterplan
- Allocation of significant funds to achieve commissions of the highest standards
- Appointment of John Aiken and completion and completion of his series of sculptures marking the line of the old Port Wall and the Rivergate Sculpture

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- protecting and revealing the historic archaeological remains of the Rivergate linking the medieval city to the marshes
- Commissioning of Shelagh Wakely to design and deliver a series of glass entrance pieces and a CorTen steel pergola
- Designs commissioned and funds allocated for a major art/water piece by Vito Acconci on the Floating Harbour. The design shows a clear acrylic form supporting a water work right at the harbour's edge.

Project Overview

Temple Quay is a large development adjacent to Bristol Temple Meads Station and forms a prestigious new business district for Bristol. Our role was to built art proposals into the masterplan and then advise each developer on how to meet the planning conditions.

















