

Norfolk Street, Chaloner Street.  
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**Landscape Statement**

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1.0 Site | **Context**

**Landscape Architectural Design**

This document is the Landscape Statement, which describes the landscape and place-making related aspects of the proposals to redevelop land between Norfolk Street and Brick Street. The Landscape Statement supports the planning application documentation, and should be read in conjunction with the Design and Access Statement produced by FCH Architects.

**Site Context**

The site lies within the Baltic triangle. The Baltic triangle is bounded by Park Lane, Parliaments Street, Liver Street and Chalaner street / Wapping. The area is predominantly of light industrial and warehousing. Significant regeneration is being undertaken, with residential and leisure actively encouraged to create a vibrant mixed use area.

The site is bounded by Watkinson Street to the north and Norfolk Street to the south and west. These streets are classified a 'Pedestrian Lanes' in the *Baltic Triangle Planning Framework (2008)*. These are small-scale streets used to access local buildings and public spaces, provide pedestrian permeability through the area. Both of these streets are proposed as being improved within the Framework to form part of the public realm with in addition to facilitating local access. To the west across a wide footway runs Chaloner Street, classified as a 'Strategic Street', part of the strategic road network as described in the Local Transport Plan.



Site boundary



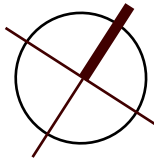


**Streetscape**

The proposed streetscape surrounding the development site is extended towards Simpson Street to the boundaries of the nearby development site by others on the Modern and Classic Body and Paintwork Unit.

A formal 2m wide footway is provided to Watkinson Street where none currently exists. On Norfolk Street footways exist on the upper and lower corners and the kerbline is extended to provide a 2.7m wide footway narrowing to 2m in the vicinity of the Residential Entrance.

Where possible the streets have been greened with street trees offering an improvement to the public realm of the site where little space exists. There is potential for street trees to be planted along Chaloner Street as part of wider streetscape improvements by the Council.





Street trees: Clear stem Betula ssp.

**Soft landscape**

A range of street trees will mirror the linearity of the existing roads.

Along Watkinson Street Betula ‘Edinburgh’ are proposed, a narrower form of birch. To Norfolk Street where the footway is much narrower standard Magnolias are proposed. Both rows will terminate at the most western points with a large Pinus Nigra along the westernmost boundary of the site, framing the elevated terrace.

There is potential for street trees along the footway to Chaloner Street providing shelter to the seating terrace and greening the route of this strategic road into Liverpool.



Planting: Pinus Nigra

**Hard landscape materials**

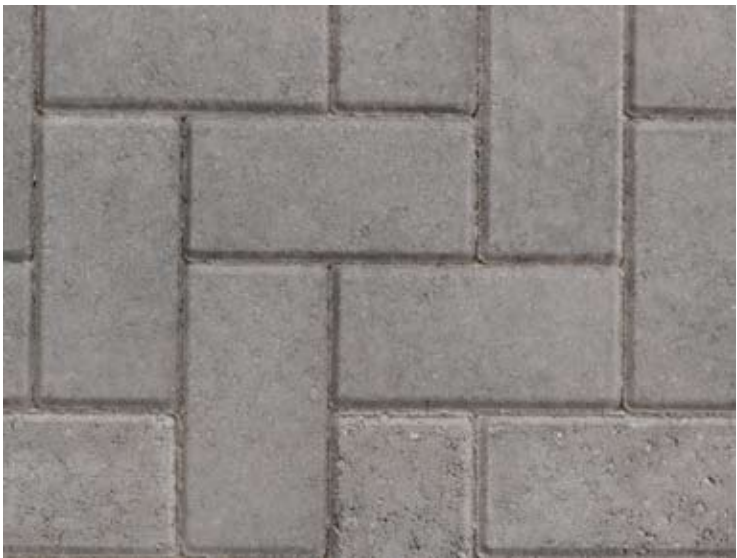
The materials proposed for the streetscape follow the precedent set along Jamaica Street to the north east of the site.

High quality and robust granite kerbs are proposed combined with a cost-effective standard concrete paving slab. Granite channels are used to delineate the adoption boundary on the streets to the north and south of the site.

Vehicular entrances to the buildings are clearly marked with a combination of a drop granite 300mm kerb and small unit concrete pavers.



Paving: concrete slab paving



Paving: Marshall's standard concrete block paving



Paving: Marshall's granite 300mm width kerb or similar

2.1 Proposals | Terraces

Terraces and roof gardens

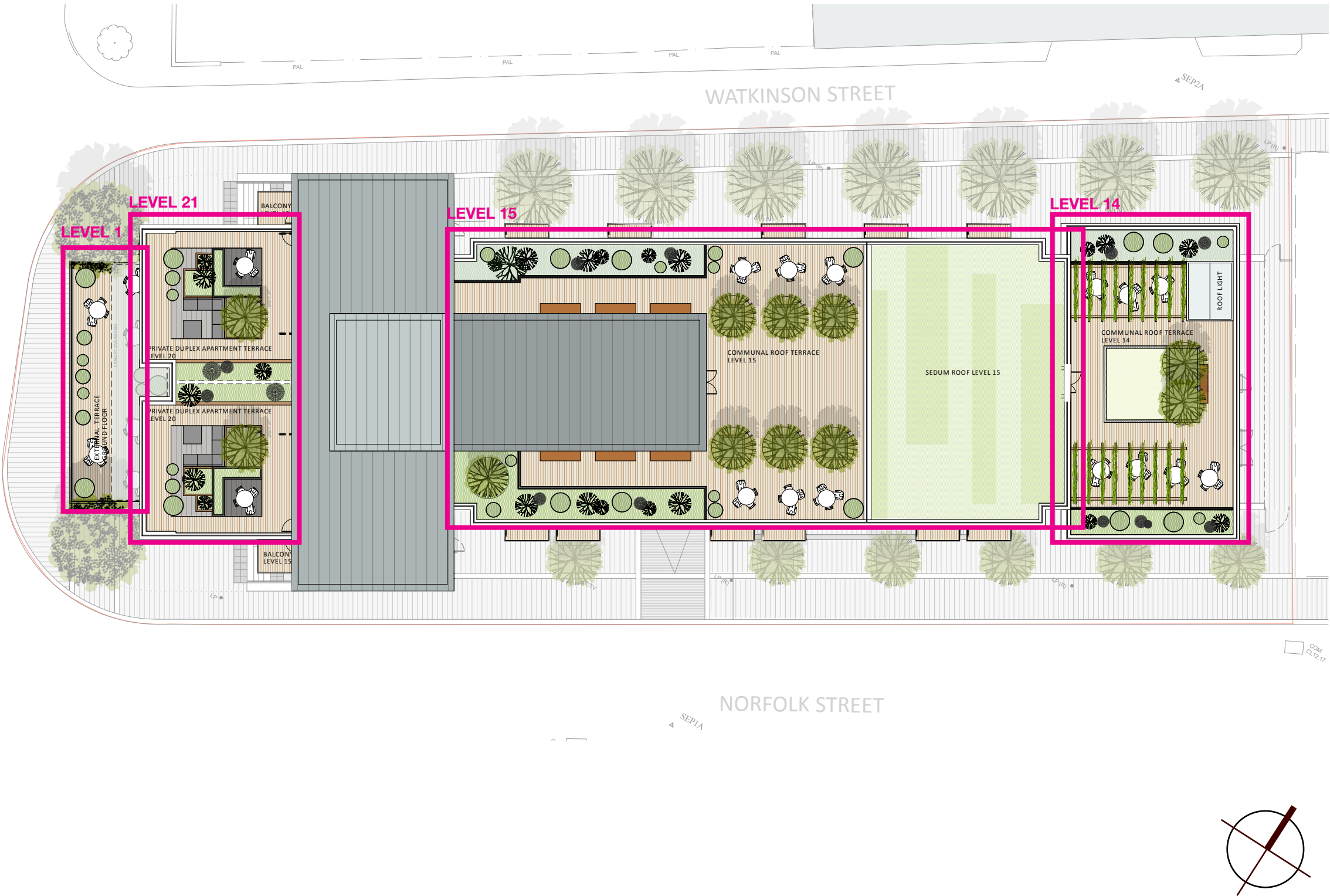
Opportunity for useable public realm at ground floor level is limited and so a series of terraces and roof gardens have been integrated into the design of the building.

Level 1 - a publicly accessible terrace overlooking the waterfront accessed by the proposed Entrepreneurial Hub on the ground floor.

Level 14 - Private communal terrace for use by residents. It is envisaged that this will be used for social gatherings, break-out space from the adjacent gym as well and quiet reflective space.

Level 15 - Private communal terrace for use by residents. An area for both social communal use and and quiet reflective activities.

Level 21 - Private garden terraces for penthouse apartments.





2.1.1 Proposals | **Level 14 Communal Terrace**



Planting: Betula Pendula “Youngii”

**Soft landscape**

Large planting beds flank the east and west sides of the communal terrace providing edge protection.

Planting will consist of robust groundcover of low growing ornamental grasses

Specimen shrubs such as Phyllostachys and Cotinus will be planted in deeper containers within the planting beds.

**Hard landscape materials**

The planting beds will be edged with corten steel, which will also be used for raised planters accomdating larger shrubs within the beds which require a deeper planting medium.

The terrace surface will be a composite deckboard in grey.

Perimeter balustrades will be glass and steel as proposed by the Architects.



Structure: Pergola with climbing plants



Planting: Lawn (astro-turf) area with corten edging



Paving: Ecodek Composite Pebble grey boards



Planters: Corten planters





Planting: *Phyllostachys aurea* (container planting only)

**Concept**

This terrace offers activities linked to the adjacent gym and quieter breakout space with seating for sociable groups.

It overlooks a extensive sedum roof.

The larger space is more open, defined by trees and shrubs in raised freestanding planters. Either side of the gym are smaller more intimate spaces dominated by groundcover planting and specimen shrubs.

**Hard landscape materials**

The planting beds will be edged with corten steel, which will also be used for raised planters accommodating larger shrubs within the beds which require a deeper planting medium. The Tamarisk will be planted in Streetlifes Shrubtub colour planters or similar.

The terrace surface will be a composite deckboard in grey.

Perimeter balustrades will be glass and steel as proposed by the Architects and will be accessible in the vicinity of the larger open space.

**Soft landscape**

Large planting beds flank the east and west sides of the communal terrace providing edge protection and shelter for the seating areas which back on to the gym. Planting will consist of robust groundcover of low growing such as ornamental grasses with taller growing perennials Mounds of clippable shrubs such as Lonicera will also give height to the beds. Specimen shrubs such as Phyllostachys and Cotinus will be planted in deeper containers within the planting beds.

The larger open space of this terrace will be divided by two rows of Tamarisk set in raised planters.

A sedum roof is proposed to the roof of level 14. This will be visible but inaccessible from the Level 15 terrace.



Planting: *Tamarix* spp.



Planting: *Lonicera nitida*



Planters: Streetlife Shrubtub colour Anthracite





2.4 | **Level 20 Private Duplex Terraces**



Planting: Betula spp. multistem

**Concept**

The outdoor space adjacent to these two apartments offers an outdoor living area with views out over the waterfront. A central area define by raised planters offers a sheltered dining area facing the living area of the apartment and a separate seating area with outward views

The central location allow for a circular walking route around the terrace.

**Hard landscape materials**

The terraces are paved with a composite deckboard in varying tones.

The raised planters will be fabricated from corten steel at varying heights to accommodate different planting types.

**Soft landscape**

Within the deepest planter a large sculptural multi-stem Betula is proposed. The lower planters contain a mixture of evergreen and sculptural, flowering shrub planting and seasonal perennials.



Furniture: Mamagreen Oko Outdoor Lounge Seating or similar



Furniture: modern table and chairs



Pots: loata Kyoto pots or similar



Planters: Stacked corten planters



