



Kings Cross Estate

estate regeneration

The Kings Cross Estate in Camden suffered for years from drugs, prostitution and crime as well as problems with the poor condition of its fabric. In 1995 Camden recognised that only a comprehensive solution which tackled public safety as well as issues with the buildings themselves would provide a lasting result and commissioned Sprunt to prepare strategic proposals for the regeneration of the estate.

Sprunt worked closely with the residents, who come from a range of ethnic backgrounds, on a strategy for their homes and the area as a whole. We costed our proposals and supported Camden in a successful bid to the government for the substantial funds required.

The masterplan included an ambitious strategy for the public realm as well as ideas to include shops and community facilities.

With residents in occupation, we carried out extensive works to blocks

of flats to improve their security, appearance and thermal efficiency. At the same time, we implemented extensive landscaping works which have transformed the public realm. Included within the scheme are a new neighbourhood housing office, a day centre for the elderly (part funded by Help the Aged) a prayer room for the Bengali community, a tenants meeting room and caretaker's office



Location:
Kings Cross, London

Client:
London Borough of Camden

Project:
Works Regeneration

Value:
£12m

Status:
Complete 2001

“Deep understanding of the public safety issues and intensive resident participation were the key to success.”