
Curriculum Vitae

Samuel Roberts CMLI

Director

Personal Statement

Sam is a chartered landscape architect with over 10 years' experience in practice. Sam has worked for a range of practices across the UK, including Camlins, WSP, and EDP. Most recently Sam was a Partner at Tri External Landscape Design LLP before becoming the founding Director of SR-LA. Projects throughout Sam's career have been located in both the UK and China. Sam actively promotes the profession and was elected as Chairman of the Landscape Institute Midlands branch in October 2022 and is currently a visiting tutor at Birmingham City University.

Sam has experience of running multi-disciplinary teams on various scale jobs, most notably leading a design team on HS2 environmental mitigation. Other recent experience comes from working on river restoration, rail stations and residential projects in the Midlands, London and Cambridge, including; Longbridge, Birmingham city centre, Coventry, Stafford, Nine Elms, Brentford, North West Cambridge, as well as other locations throughout the UK. Projects have ranged from inception to implementation, giving Sam good experience in all design work stages. The aforementioned projects have been formed of public, semi-private and private realm spaces, including hard and soft landscapes. Sam also has experience in garden design, giving him an appreciation of detailed planting design.

Sam has an extensive working knowledge of various software including Adobe Suite (Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator), Microsoft Office, AutoCAD, Vectorworks, Sketchup, KeyScape along with limited experience in QGIS.

A passion for the subject and commitment to the profession means Sam brings conscientiousness and dedication to every project he is involved with. Having gained chartered status with the Landscape Institute further demonstrates this and gives Sam the backing of the chartered body.

Education

2018

Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute

2011-2012

Post Graduate Diploma in Landscape Architecture, Birmingham City University

2007-2010

BA (Hons) in Landscape Architecture, Birmingham City University

Employment History

2023 - present

Director, SR Landscape Architecture

2013 - present

Visiting Tutor, Birmingham City University

2019 – 2023

Partner, Tri External Landscape Design LLP

2018-2019

Senior Landscape Architect, The Environmental Dimension Partnership

2017-2018

Senior Landscape Architect, WSP UK Ltd

2013-2016

Project Landscape Architect, Camlins

2012-2013

Graduate Landscape Architect, Bradley Murphy Design

**Professional Body
Memberships and
Involvement**

2022 – present

Chair of the Landscape Institute Midlands Branch

Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute

**Relevant project
experience**

2022

**Canalside Phase Emerald and Cyan: Sheerwater Regeneration Masterplan, Woking
Thameswey Developments**

Through the work undertaken for Gilbert Ash on the previous phases, Thameswey approached Sam directly to undertake the refinement of phases Emerald and Cyan from a RIBA stage 2 design to a RIBA Stage 3+ design for tendering contractors.

Phase Cyan consists of 67 residential units at 2-3 storeys with associated external spaces to the front and rear along with the streetscape. Phase Emerald consists of 18 2 storey residential units, again with front and rear external spaces and streetscape. Within phase Emerald there are several existing trees being retained along with a Local Area for Play (LAP)

Part of the Cyan phase had outline planning approval only so a reserved matters application was submitted alongside the production of the tender information.

2021 - on site

**Canalside Phase Yellow: Sheerwater Regeneration Masterplan, Woking
Gilbert Ash (Thameswey Developments)**

Phase Yellow of the Sheerwater Regeneration Masterplan in Woking will provide 125 apartments around a new landscaped podium deck. A further 48 affordable apartments will be provided within a new five story block. The development also includes a new children's nursery, retail units and a health centre.

Sam has developed the original site wide masterplan proposals produced by BDP into a coordinated construction issue. Working as part of the Gilbert Ash Design & Build Team, Sam has regularly attended progress meetings and coordination workshops.

2020 - 2022

**Lambeth College: STEAM Building, London
Graham Construction (London South Bank University)**

2020 - on site

**Canalside Phase Red: Sheerwater Regeneration Masterplan, Woking
Gilbert Ash (Thameswey Developments)**

Sam has developed a coordinated construction issue for this next phase of the Sheerwater Regeneration Masterplan, Woking. Phase Red includes a new vehicular accessible Mews Street; a communal residents garden; a communal garden for a new Elderly Care Facility and a new publicly accessible play area.

As part of the Gilbert Ash Design & Build Team, Sam has developed the original BDP masterplan proposals and reviewed the existing landform across the site. A flexible and collaborative approach has been required to ensure that the original landscape strategy can be integrated within the constraints of the existing highway network.

2017 - 2020

**Canalside Phase Purple: Sheerwater Regeneration Masterplan, Woking
Gilbert Ash (Thameswey Developments)**

Canalside Phase Purple forms part of the Sheerwater Regeneration Masterplan, Woking. This project aims to develop the centre of Sheerwater into a modern sustainable community and an attractive new neighbourhood. Phase Purple provides 10 new townhouses and a block of 82 apartments around a large communal courtyard. This courtyard sits above a new basement car park and so the landscape design required significant coordination with the architectural and engineering teams.

Sam developed the RIBA Stage 3 design produced by BDP into a coordinated construction issue and assisted the Gilbert Ash Contractor Team to successfully deliver this high-quality development.

2019 - on site

**Mount Pleasant Phases 3/4 (Postmark), London
McAlee & Rushe (Taylor Wimpey Central London)**

The Postmark residential development is part of the Mount Pleasant Masterplan in Islington, London, and forms an enclosure around the reconfigured Royal Mail sorting office facilities at Mount Pleasant. Whilst a Partner at Tri, the practice was appointed as the Landscape Architect to develop the original concept design to a technical design relating to the reconfigured architectural design.

The central public realm sits on a podium slab directly above the functioning Royal Mail sorting office. The external landscape design provides over 75 new semi-mature trees and an extensive network of planting above the below ground basement structures.

A high level of coordination with all parties has been required to ensure the success of the scheme. This included the coordination of all below ground service routes through the external public realm of this complex 'oversite' development. Sam worked alongside the team at Tri, to deliver this prestigious project.

**2019 - on site
Eton Sports and Aquatic Centre, Eton
Graham Construction (Eton College)**

A proposed sports centre for Eton College. Whilst a Partner at Tri, the practice was appointed by the principal contractor in the design and build contract to detail design the hard and soft landscape within the development. Working alongside the architect, Hopkins Architects, the design has been developed from a Stage 4 tender design to a construction issue. High quality paving materials and a high-quality planting design has been produced. Sam was the lead Landscape Architect on the project, responsible for all coordination.