

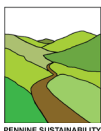
MASTER PLANNING

We enjoy working at the point of overlap between differing scales, uses and communities. This 'negotiated space' provides fertile ground for design interventions that can act as agents for change within an area. From a small public space to a complex masterplan, a thorough understanding of the physical and social context is the starting point, and in each case our approach is collaborative, innovative and strategic. We have developed a number of proposed schemes working across the fields of architecture, urban design and landscape, often testing ideas evolved through our research and practice engagement with urban agriculture and social and environmental sustainability.

Knitting Urban Landscapes - Haarlem, Netherlands



'Knitting Urban Landscapes' was the theme of this Tisdall Brougham competition entry for the European competition for young Architects in 2005. The competition site was located within an area covered by a strategic masterplan for the historic Dutch city of Haarlem. The particular challenge of the project was that of how to link new developments and existing isolated areas back to the city centre. These areas have been fragmented over time by a series of natural and infrastructural barriers such as a train line, major roads and a river.



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The scheme addresses two main concerns:

1. A series of courtyard building 'blocks' are proposed - a typology inspired by the historic fabric of Haarlem. The resulting dense pattern of streets creates an externally vibrant and urban atmosphere whilst offering respite for the building's inhabitants within shared private green courtyards.



2. By creating a dense edge to the city and linking across the physical barriers which bisect the site, the scheme also proposes a new relationship between city and garden (the bulwarks). The scheme is intended to activate the currently under used green space that surrounds the northern edge of the city centre.

Key Details

Architect: Tisdall Brougham Architects

Completed: Competition Entry 2005