



Building of the Year  
*Environmental and  
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# FORGOTTEN SPACES

*How the winners of the Forgotten Spaces competition  
have reworked London's leftover land*

## Sustainability in Practice

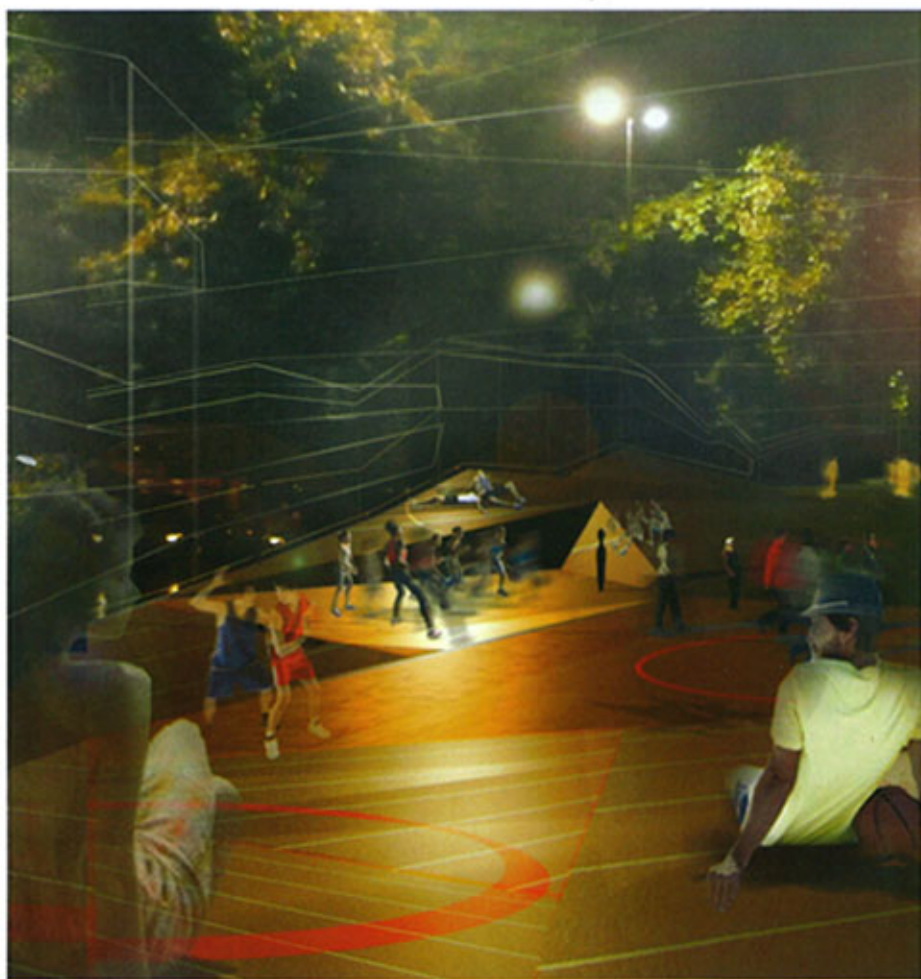
*Unfired clay: the latest  
products using this  
ancient material*



**Architect** DSDHA/Atelier Saunt at EPFL  
**Project name** Park Lane  
**Borough** Westminster  
**Description** Activity centre on the grass verge of Park Lane

**Commended** Park Lane may not seem like a forgotten space, but its busy roads were cut out of Hyde Park in the 1960s, marooning Marble Arch on a traffic island and leaving a strip of isolated park bordered by triple-carriageways. This inaccessible fragment of green space could be one of the most valuable sites in the city. Pedestrians have no access to it, meaning its many memorials and statues are little appreciated. The proposal by DSDHA/Atelier Saunt at EPFL aims to reinhabit this space with new uses, mixing park and monuments with play, culture and sports.

So-called 'personal landscapes' evolve through a string of small projects, rather than the imposition of a single masterplan. These include a wedding chapel, a sightseeing tower, daycare facilities, a cultural centre, a joggers' centre, a stage and sound lounge, playgrounds, bars and restaurants. The scheme proposes a new social infrastructure interwoven with the existing transport infrastructure, with the aim of bringing recreation back into this edge of Hyde Park and reconnecting the park with Mayfair.



DSDHA/Atelier Saunt at EPFL



**All images** Small projects such as a wedding chapel, a sightseeing tower and a cultural centre aim to bring recreation back to the green space cut off from Hyde Park by traffic

DANCE HALL  
CARWASH BAR

BAR

SPEAKER'S CORNER GATE

RENT A BIKE

PLAYGROUND

SOUND LOUNGE

STAGE/LIGHT SCREEN

BASKET WORLD

CULTURAL CENTER

DAYCARE

HILTON GATE

SIGHTSEEING TOWER

CELEBRITY PAVILION

JOGGER'S CENTER

WEDDING CHAPEL

