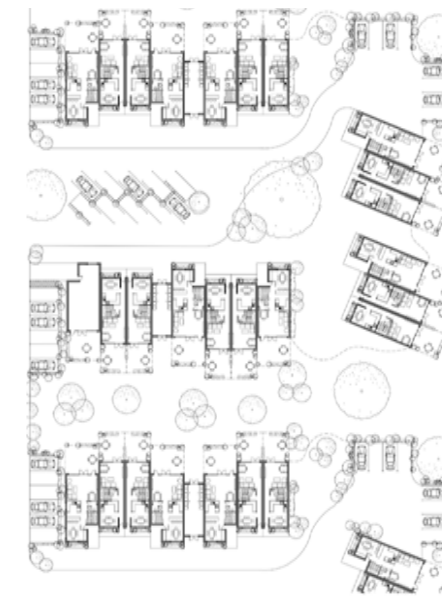


Kent Science Park

PROJECT PROFILE

Client LaSalle Investment Management
Location Kent, UK
Size / Cost 92,000 sqm GIA / £250 Million
Team Cost - Stace
PM - Dominic Lawson BP
Economy - Amion
Transport - JMP
Sustainability - Price & Myers
Ecology & Landscape - Ecus



The masterplan developed by Consarc set out a 15-20 year development framework to transform Kent Science Park in Sittingbourne into a nationally important R&D centre, attracting the brightest and best new businesses and significantly contributing to the area's local economy. Located in an attractive countryside setting, Kent Science Park was part of a UK network of specialized business parks, providing the base for a range of technology and knowledge-based businesses. Under the ownership of LaSalle Investment Management the park grew steadily whilst local amenity and housing struggled to keep pace. The success of Consarc's proposal is found in the holistic approach to the park's development. Careful consideration was given to consolidating the various economic, social and environmental aspects impacting the park, in order to develop a mixed-use proposal for a great place to work, visit and live.

We developed a phased approach for the selective demolition, extension and refurbishment of existing buildings and the erection of new buildings to provide high quality labs, offices and related amenities. The proposal also includes the development of up to 400 new dwellings for key science park staff, which was

integral to the solving the transport challenge. The masterplan also included relocation of Sittingbourne Football Club and taking the listed estate office out of the enclosed area and converting it into a pub, thus strengthening links between the science park and the local community.

“A mix of work, leisure and social environments encouraging interaction, creativity and innovation”

Design Vision

Connecting Green Hearts

The final concept connects and integrates a mix of occupants and activities to create a vibrant, holistic and inclusive environment. Taking advantage of the site's unique setting within the attractive Kent countryside, four distinct character areas were identified, each uniquely suited to a particular type of development. The existing road network and parking is reorganized and extended to create a clear hierarchy of spaces, by connecting and enhancing the journey across each area. A carefully considered landscape strategy further links the different zones together, enhancing existing green corridors and creating a network of varied pedestrian and cycle routes.

Lead Design
Community Consultations
Outline Planning

ADVISORY