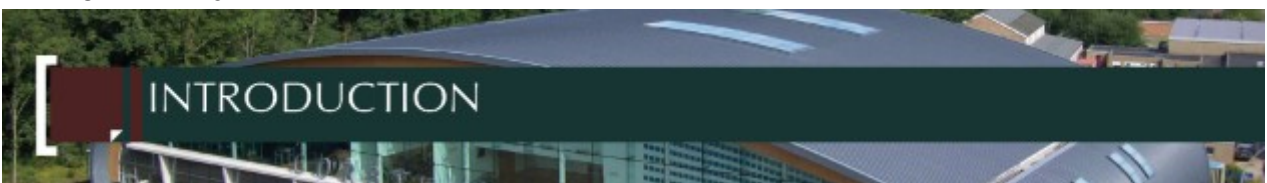




Welcome to Lockhart Garratt's first development E-Brief. This first issue aims to outline the services that Lockhart Garratt are able to provide in the development arena illustrating these through example case studies.

Going forward it will aim to keep you up to date with news and key innovations through an easy to access interactive format.



*'An integrated and innovative open space management service provided at all stages of development'.*

We currently work within a range of development projects across the public and private sector and provide a high quality bespoke service to our clients. We use our core tree and land management based skills and apply them in technical and non-technical ways to facilitate development and cost effective mitigation strategies.

In summary, we provide an innovative and integrated open space service based on a green infrastructure led approach and a sound practical understanding of project delivery and ongoing open space management. Lockhart Garratt uses this approach to deliver a wide scope of services at all stages of development as set out below.

#### Pre-development/Planning:

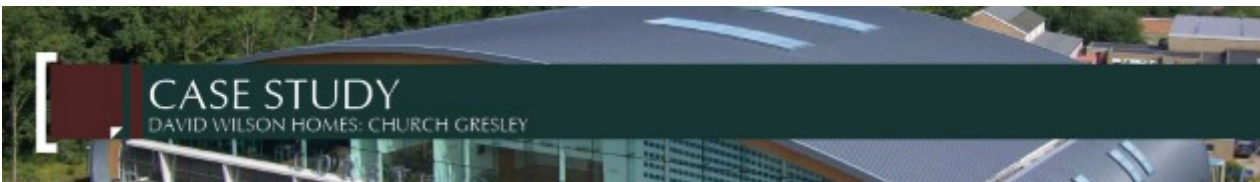
- Opportunities and constraints assessments (to inform masterplanning)
- Baseline assessment e.g. ecology, arboriculture, green infrastructure, trees and woodland
- Land management issues - existing constraints, management planning, grant opportunities, revenue opportunities, advanced landscaping, etc.
- Formal Impact Assessment
- Mitigation and compensation strategies and negotiations
- Stakeholder consultation and workshops
- Green infrastructure planning and strategic statements
- Design and access statement support
- Community and partner engagement

## Construction Works:

- Ongoing stakeholder involvement and negotiations
- Clerk of works and compliance checks
- Ongoing landscaping management
- Open space delivery
- Integrated land management strategies
- Mitigation and compensation strategy delivery
- Management and monitoring plans

## Post Development

- Landscape strategies and contract management (e.g. trees, woodland, grassland, hedges, etc.)
- Management company facilitation
- Monitoring works
- Cost effective open space management solutions
- Benchmarking support



In 2005 David Wilson Homes's application to site a water balancing lagoon facility within a small woodland on the site had been refused by the Local Planning Authority. Lockhart Garratt was able to assist in the design of an innovative and integrated scheme that protected the woodland and enhanced biodiversity on the site, thus avoiding the need for an alternative highly engineered and expensive water balancing solution.



*Click on image above to view full case study*

## CASE STUDY

BELA PARTNERSHIP LTD: PRIORS HALL, CORBY

Lockhart Garratt has been involved in this prestigious 5,100 dwelling mixed use development project since 2003. It is the largest active development within the Milton Keynes and South Midlands Growth Area and will contain 600 acres of public open space when complete including woodland, parkland, hay meadows, wetland and a re-landscaped former ironstone quarry.

We have recently facilitated the establishment of the Priors Hall Management Company which will maintain the sites extensive open space to a high standard. The first area of open space was handed over to the Management Company on the 1st September including the new Town Gardens formal park and the attractive, tree lined approach to the site.



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## LATEST NEWS

### Construction Skills Certification Scheme

We are delighted to announce that all 10 forestry and ecology practitioners have now received their Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) card, having passed the relevant health and safety test earlier this year.

CSCS is a voluntary scheme, set up to help the construction industry to improve quality and reduce accidents. CSCS cards are increasingly demanded as proof of occupational competence by contractors, public and private clients and others.

### The case for trees in development and the urban environment

Trees dramatically improve appearance but their value is considerably more than their environmental contribution. They also help combat climate change, they can deliver an economic dividend and further more they provide numerous social benefits.

The new Forestry Commission brochure '**The case for trees**' demonstrates the many ways in which trees contribute to every street and development.

Please [click here](#) to visit the Forestry Commission website and download the brochure.

### **Biodiversity Benchmarked!**

We are proud to announce that Viridor Ltd has been successful in their application for the prestigious Wildlife Trusts Biodiversity Benchmark Award for three of their closed landfill sites. We have been working closely with the Viridor Closed Landfill Team since 2008, providing robust baseline studies and succinct action plans that have fed into the audit process. We look forward to ongoing works with Viridor to bring the biodiversity action plans and management recommendations forward on these important sites.



### **Special Commendation!**

Congratulations to our Ecological Consultant, **James Whiteford**, for an outstanding effort this year in his continued professional development. Not only has James been awarded full membership with the Institute of Ecological and Environmental Management (IEEM) but he has also attained a Natural England Bat Survey Licence through hours of hard work and determination. **Well done James!**



Building inspections to look for signs of bats presence can be undertaken all year round. If signs of or potential for bats is encountered during the winter period a further evening emergence/dawn survey is likely to be required to fully inform mitigation measures. Please note that these further surveys can only be conducted during the core bat activity months - **May to September** inclusive.

If you have a query regarding bats then please contact **James Whiteford** direct.

If you would like further information on any of the above mentioned services please contact **John Lockhart** (Development), **Ian Dudley** (Landscaping & GI) or **James Patmore** (Ecology) on 01536 408840 or visit our website [www.lockhart-garratt.co.uk](http://www.lockhart-garratt.co.uk).

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