LEOPOLD ESTATE (ST. PAUL'S SQ.)

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ABOUT

Poplar HARCA and Countryside Properties commissioned Metropolitan Workshop to design the last phase of the Leopold estate renewal programme. The built scheme creates 367 new homes with two new streets and large, communal open spaces. The estate was renamed St. Pauls Square.

COMMENTS



Generous street widths



Pedestrian priority street



Private balconies



Communal garden



Site plan



Landscaped public realm

LEOPOLD ESTATE BEFORE

Leopold Estate was similar in many ways to Wendling and St. Stephen's Close:

- no access to green space
- multiple entrances and cut throughs
- poor wayfinding and poor connectivity to surrounding streets
- lack of active frontage
- anti social behaviour



Mulitple entrances and small cut through between buildings









Inactive frontage and external bin stores.



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frontage and encourage ASB

LEOPOLD ESTATE AFTER (ST. PAUL'S SQUARE)

Some photographs of the completed scheme showing different elements. The plan below shows where these are taken from.



Primary Street with linear park 25 metres between buildings



Residents Garden





Residents Garden with playspace



Private balconies and terraces





Street widths

A key design factor is how close the buildings are to each other. A standard principle is to maintain 16-18 meters (52 to 60 ft) between two residential buildings facing directly into each other.

By varying this width a hierachy of streets can be created.





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