

Wallis Road

Where: Hackney Wick, E9. Who For: M&D Silk Properties. What: 44 units, 2133 sqm commercial



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Architect: Stockwood

The London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) issued a resolution to grant planning permission at Committee in March 2016 for this regeneration scheme for Hackney Wick. Designed for M&D Silk Properties, the scheme will transform a light industrial site into a vibrant mixed-use development providing new homes and significant employment space.

One of the existing buildings will be retained as a heritage asset, with the original trusses exposed and internal mezzanines added as part of a sympathetic restoration. This building saw the creation and manufacture of the world's first plastic in 1864.

The scheme forms part of the LLDC's masterplan for the regeneration of Hackney Wick. A new four-storey building encloses the central yard, providing additional employment space as well as 44 new mixed-tenure homes with one to three bedrooms. The architectural treatment takes its cue from the context through a limited palette of materials: brick, concrete and steel feature heavily to create an industrial vernacular.

This scheme represents a cornerstone of the wider regeneration of the Wick. It will preserve and enhance historic buildings and contribute to the vitality and urban quality of this new emerging neighbourhood.

