

Marianella Residential Development



Wayfinding Panel

Client: Cairn Homes
Completed: October 2018
Address: Orwell Rd, Rathfarnham, Rathgar, Co. Dublin

Formally the site of a 19th Century residence, Marianella became the location for a Redemptorist Monastery in the 1960's. With a planning permission for residential development granted in 2009, Ait were appointed by Cairn Homes to be the Landscape Consultants for the construction stage of the development which began in January 2016.

Creating rich, vibrant, and verdant spaces was a key design goal for the over-podium courtyard gardens. This was achieved by selecting a carefully considered planting palette and the clever use of 'borrowed landscape' features such as existing mature tree stands in neighbouring sites.

The landscape strategy in relation to the public park and the residential green spaces is to provide a high-quality amenity for residents and the local community while preserving the character of the site. The site contains a number of existing mature trees which have been sensitively incorporated into the public park and were used as the inspiration for the tree trail within the scheme. The public park, which hosts a variety of spaces for leisure activities, including a small playground and a kickabout area doubling as an attenuation basin, also includes a number of bespoke elements such as a tree trail information panel and bespoke bench seating.



Tree Trail Information Panel



Over-Podium Garden



Attenuation Basin/Kickabout Area



Existing Mature Trees Incorporated Within Public Park



Bespoke Bench Seating