

Port Loop

Getting phase one of Port Loop, Birmingham off the ground

CLIENT

Urban Splash

LPA

Birmingham City Council

STATUS

Planning permission granted

SERVICES

Planning & Economics

Our role

- Port Loop sits on the western fringe of Birmingham City Centre, within the area covered by the Greater Icknield Masterplan. We prepared a robust strategy to support necessary changes to the original masterplan to enable the progression of Phase 1 which required the submission of a Section 73 application.
- Preparing the subsequent reserved matters submission for the first phase of development, comprising 207 dwellings. The first phase contains Urban Splash's innovative 'HoUse' concept and 90 apartments which all benefit from new public parks and a canal side square.
- We also undertook the viability appraisal to support the phase one reserved matters submission. This includes negotiations with the council's consultant to ensure the proposed development will accord with the requirements of the S106 agreement secured under the outline permission.

Results

- Planning advice and guidance was pivotal to securing planning permission for the Section 73 application and reserved matters application for the first phase.
- Our strategy enabled the key parameters of the outline permission to be amended which allowed for the key design principles of phase one to be established, whilst also providing the council with confidence the proposals would deliver real benefits for the area.
- Our holistic approach and established relationship with the council enabled the swift determination of both applications.
- The project will deliver around 1,150 new dwellings, along with a range of supporting facilities, including a new community swimming pool.

