

Landscape architect's view

B|D developed a roofscape strategy of accessible, communal, productive and playable terraces alongside biodiverse areas with green and brown roofs on this confined urban site. Each terrace had to work hard to provide useable amenity space with a distinct character that responded to the nature of the private rental development.

On the first floor, a grid of multi-stem birch trees set within giant flowerpots provides dappled shade to the play and exercise terrace, which is furnished with a ping-pong table, gym equipment and an incidental play set within a patchwork of rubber crumb to create a place to socialise.

The fourth-floor outdoor room is a place to relax, an inviting, south-facing terrace for social gathering and interaction. BBQs, food prep tables and communal dining areas create a space for residents to enjoy alongside a strong landscape character with a copse of umbelliform fruiting and flowering trees and sensory planting within generous but lightweight raised planters.

On the 10th floor is a residents' allotment with a series of planters for residents' use, creating a landscape to encourage the growth of the community. Fruiting espalier trees suited to the limited planter depth wrap around the central lift core.

On the 13th, 14th and 17th floors soft landscapes include a mix of wildflower, sedum and brown roofs with plug planting to increase biodiversity.

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