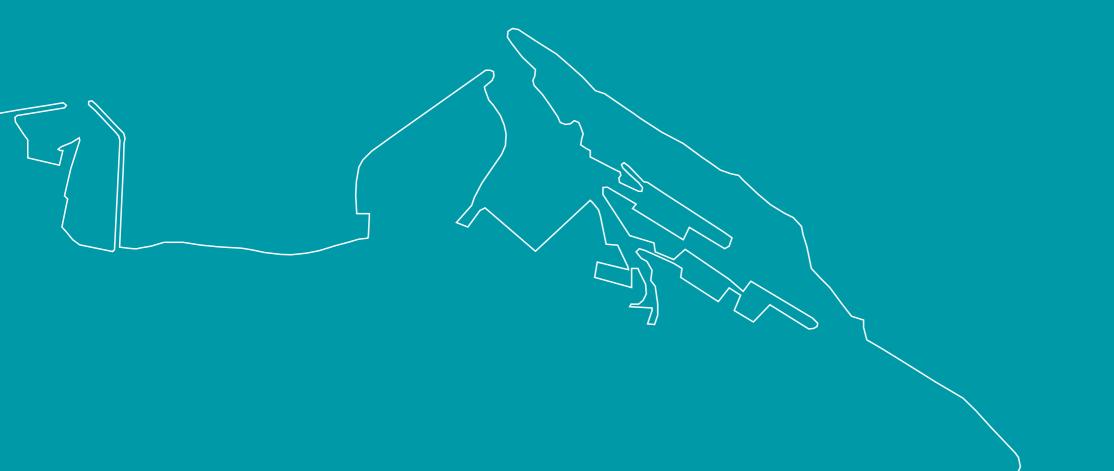


6. DESIGN GUIDELINES

The design guidelines in this chapter set out the design approach, quality and materials which are recommended for all scales of future development in Granton Waterfront.

- 6.1 Architectural Guidelines
- 6.2 Material Guidelines
- 6.3 Street and Amenity Space Guidelines
- 6.4 Landscape Guidelines



Architectural Guidelines

A series of guidelines for architectural approach, materials, streets and amenity space and landscape design have been developed. These apply across the framework and should provide a coherency across the varied character areas.

These design guidelines set the standard of design and quality for all scales of future development. In general, future proposals should accord with the guidance laid out in this section. However, final layouts and materials will be fully defined as part of the detailed design stages.





Building frontages should follow block boundaries (building 'full blocks') to create urban character as set out in the Vision and Principles.



Differentiation

Differentiation should be provided by subdividing blocks into 'houses', with a suggested length of max. 35m. Each expressed independently with a front door at street level.









Height

Residential buildings to be typically no less than 3 storeys and no more than 6 storeys. Height should vary with minimum 1 storey height difference to neighbouring house. (See heights marked on Fig. 3.59, p.58).

Gateways

Building 'accents' over 6 storeys can be provided at key gateways and junctions (see heights marked on Fig. 3.59, p.58).

Setbacks

Setbacks to upper floors should only be included from 3 storeys upwards.

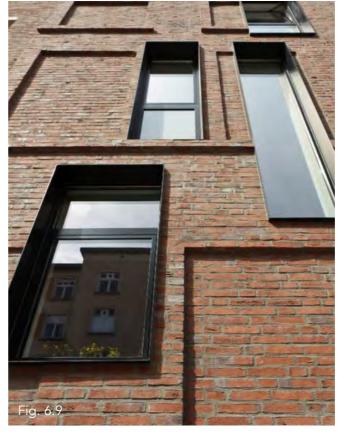
Natural Light

Buildings should be designed to optimise natural light, capture solar gain and minimise overshadowing to external spaces.

Architectural Guidelines









Entrances

Entrances should be design to be recognizable, qualitative elements.

Living areas

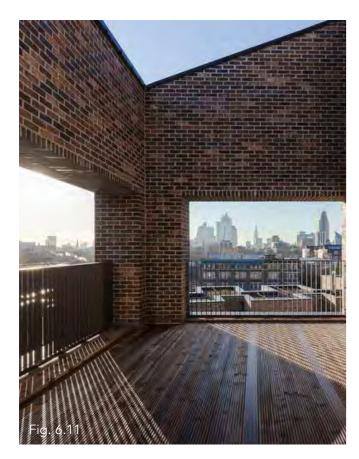
Main living areas should be articulated so that they capture views and provide variety to elevations (e.g. winter gardens, baywindows, balconies) and to maximise the relationship to the outdoors.

Façades

Vertical emphasis should be provided to windows, doorways and façades. 'Profiling and depth' should also be provided in façades.

Flexibility in Usage

Structure, heights and layout should provide flexibility in activities and usage, especially for ground floor level to allow for adaptability to societal changes over time.









Roofs

Buildings should optimise the potential for roof activity and shared views. Green roofs to be provided wherever possible.

Fabric First

Buildings should be designed with a fabric first approach to minimise energy demand.

Services

Utilities and services should be integrated in public space design.

Mixed Use

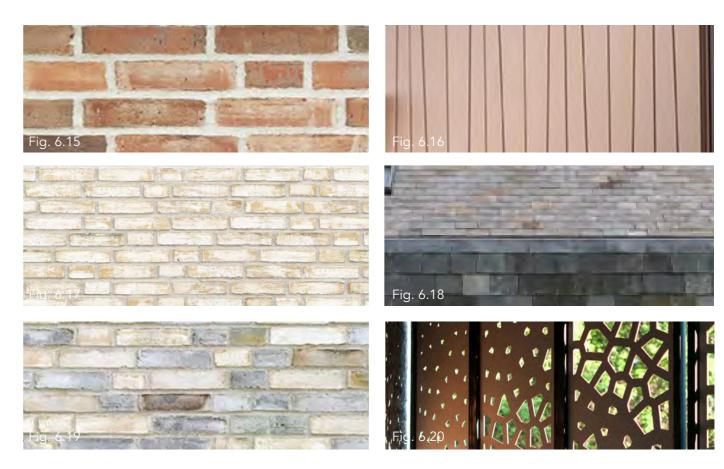
Development should encourage a mixture of buildings or integrated into uses distributed across the site (see Fig. 3.65, p.60)

6.2 Material Guidelines

A palette of robust, natural materials, which are appropriate for the waterfront conditions, should be developed. The material palette should provide coherency across character areas but allow for variety to be incorporated in terms of colour, tone, texture and mixed materials.

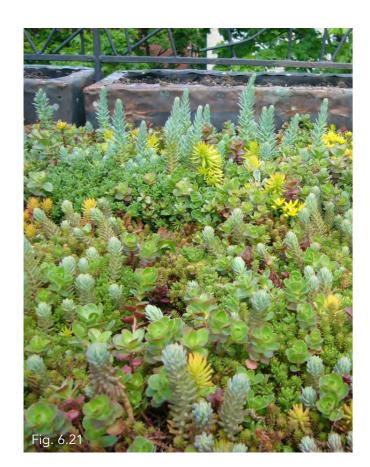
Material specification should also be suitable and durable enough for the marine climate of the area. Particular attention should be given to how the material weathers and is maintained within this climate. Sustainability and environmental performance should also be a high priority when specifying materials.

The examples opposite illustrate the range of materials that could be considered appropriate and illustrate how variety can be introduced within the palette.



Robust and natural materials

Materials should be durable and suitable for the marine climate, e.g. brick, stone, metal panels.











Sustainability

The embodied energy, sustainability and environmental performance of materials selected should be considered.

Variety of Textures

Texture can be introduced into façades in a number of ways, including brick pattern, metal profiles, perforations to materials and engraving.

Variety of Tones

Complementary tones can be selected in the same or differing materials to provide subtle variety to façades.

Mixed Materials

The use of different materials across a building to highlight key aspects and spaces should be considered.









Views

All public streets should provide connections and views to water, green space or local landmarks.

Shared Streets

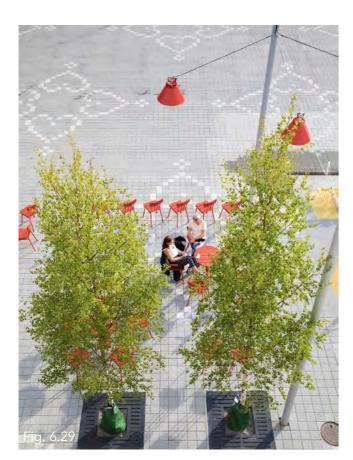
Streets should be pedestrian and cyclist priority and shared surface - other than to key transport arteries identified within the framework and should comply with Edinburgh Design Guidance.

Shared activity

Streets and backcourts should encourage communal and shared activity.

Delineation

Street frontages should have clear delineation between public and private areas using walls, fences and landscaping and to provide a qualitative intermediary space.









Public Spaces

Public outdoor spaces should be integrated into design and provide differentiation across the framework area.

Amenity Space

All apartments should have access to shared outdoor amenity space. Which should be designed as qualitative spaces and to include soft landscaping and trees.

Private Parking

Private parking should be located within building form such as under-crofts and garages or sensitively incorporated into back courts.

On-Street

On-street parking should (only) be used for shared car clubs, electric charging points, bikes, visitors and to provide disabled access to blocks.

6.4 Landscape Guidelines

Four Landscape components: Hard Landscaping, soft landscaping, street furniture and lighting have been identified. Landscaping should provide a hierarchy of elements, define a hierarchy of routes, spaces and nodes and ensure the area has both a coherent but varied identity.

The principles connected to these 4 elements are illustrated in more detail in Appendix A2.8.



Fig. 6.33: Selection of planting identified as being suitable for marine climate, diagram by LUC





Hard landscape design should reinforce the character areas set up in Granton Waterfront, whilst being durable, sustainable and resilient.



Soft Landscaping

Soft Landscaping should provide a range of planting, appropriate to the marine climate, which will enhance the green infrastructure of the area - promoting biodiversity and habitat creation.



Street Furniture

A coordinated approach to street furniture, using simple, bold elements should be taken. Street furniture should be designed to enhance the user's experience of a street and space.



Lighting

Lighting should help to define the character of the streets and spaces within the development and enhance safety and security, providing orientation and safe movement through the area.



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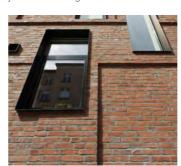


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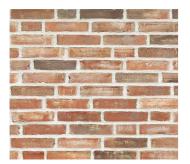


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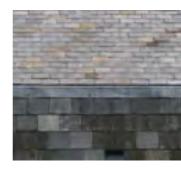


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