



The Parabola, Kensington High Street, London





## Public Realm Works

Formerly the Commonwealth Institute building on Kensington High Street, the Parabola is a Grade II Listed Building recently refurbished into the new Design Museum. The memorable central feature of the hyperbolic parabolic roof, resembling a giant manta ray in full flight, is framed by mature trees that were protected throughout the intense development works.

Additionally, significant semi-mature trees up to 18m in height were placed around the finished Museum, creating a unique green place in the heart of the city.

**LPA:** Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea

**Trees:** Andy Sherlock

**Issues:**

- Excavating beneath mature trees
- Structures & surfacing in RPAs
- Intense site activity
- Historic settings

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