



## Royal Clarence Yard, Gosport, UK

A Historic Waterfront:  
Breathing New Life into a  
Former Naval Yard



The new architecture has re-connected disparate historic buildings in a bold but respectful way



## Constructive Conservation in Practice, English Heritage

Royal Clarence Yard was established in 1831 as a victualling yard supplying the Royal Navy with fresh water, salt meat, biscuits and rum. The site sits adjacent to a Site of Special Scientific Interest and includes two Conservation Areas containing 18 Grade II and II\* listed buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments. Buildings include the Cooperage, Granary, Bakery, Slaughterhouse, Hydraulic Engine House, Artificer's Workshops, Ceremonial Gateway, Superintendent's Houses, Reservoir, Barracks and Guard House.

War damage and the removal of modern storage buildings left gaps in the historic layout, resulting in under-utilised and undefined spaces. In the late 1990s the site became redundant and was sold by the Ministry of Defence to Berkeley Homes.

### Project Delivery

- A masterplan developed through a Collaborative Placemaking process, which we then took through to detailed planning and listed building applications, working drawings and implementation on site.
- Mixed-uses including leisure facilities and employment uses, and 698 apartments and houses, both converted and new build in a mixture of tenures of rented and shared ownership.
- New interventions that take their cue from the character of the nineteenth-century yard, whilst introducing contemporary architecture.
- Definition of public spaces and routes by both new and historic buildings.
- Recreation of lost spaces to knit the yard back together.
- New pedestrian routes to give full public access to the previously inaccessible waterfront.
- Creation of an attractive destination for locals and visitors in the form of the new marina, which regularly hosts major yachting events and festivals.

### Client

Berkeley Homes (Southern) Ltd  
and Portsmouth Housing Association

### Awards

Royal Town Planning Institute Awards 2009  
Commendation

RICS South East Awards Regeneration 2008  
Runner Up

International Green Apple Award 2008  
For the Built Environment and Architectural Heritage  
Gold

Regeneration Awards 2004  
Best Housing-led Regeneration Project

