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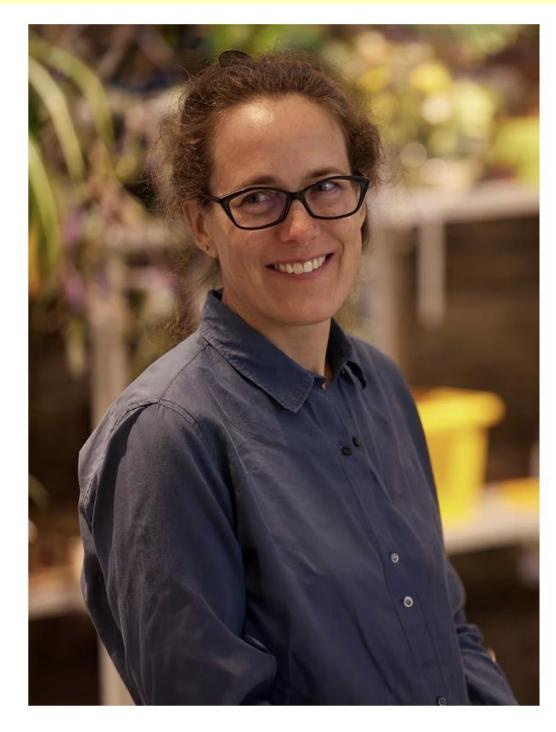
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About us

- DBA is a leading independent consultancy in inclusive design.
- London-based, working nationwide across transport, residential, education, workplace, culture, commercial and major urban masterplan projects.
- RIBA Chartered Practice with a multidisciplinary approach, combining design expertise, legislation, and user experience.
- 30 years: DBA has shaped national policy and guidance and contributed to award-winning projects including Stirling Prize winners.

2. Masterplan Experience

Canada Water Masterplan



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- 53-acre mixed-use regeneration project in London, delivering homes, offices, retail, leisure, community uses, and public realm.
- DBA produced Inclusive Design Guidelines based on a user journey.
- Pedestrian-first strategy with safe, step-free, and accessible routes.
- Clear and consistent wayfinding, inclusive public spaces, and sensory design features.
- Integrated with transport networks, reducing vehicle dominance and supporting accessible cycling and mobility.



Earls Court Masterplan

- Earls Court Masterplan: large mixed-use regeneration.
- 4,000 new homes, 2.9m sq. ft. of workspace, and 100+ shops and Food & Beverage
- 20 acres of public realm, including a 4.5-acre urban park & community spaces.
- Three major cultural venues plus pop-up and seasonal events.
- DBA engaged through the Public Realm Inclusivity Panel, ensuring inclusive design is embedded across the project.

Brent Cross Masterplan



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- 141-hectare masterplan delivering 6,700 homes, 3m sq. ft. of offices, plus schools, parks, and community facilities.
- Major transport upgrades including a new Thameslink station, better cycling, walking, and bus routes.
- DBA advising across student housing, public realm, build-torent, and affordable housing.
- Active role in the Access Forum, addressing accessibility queries and producing materials like tactile plans for engagement.

3. York Experience



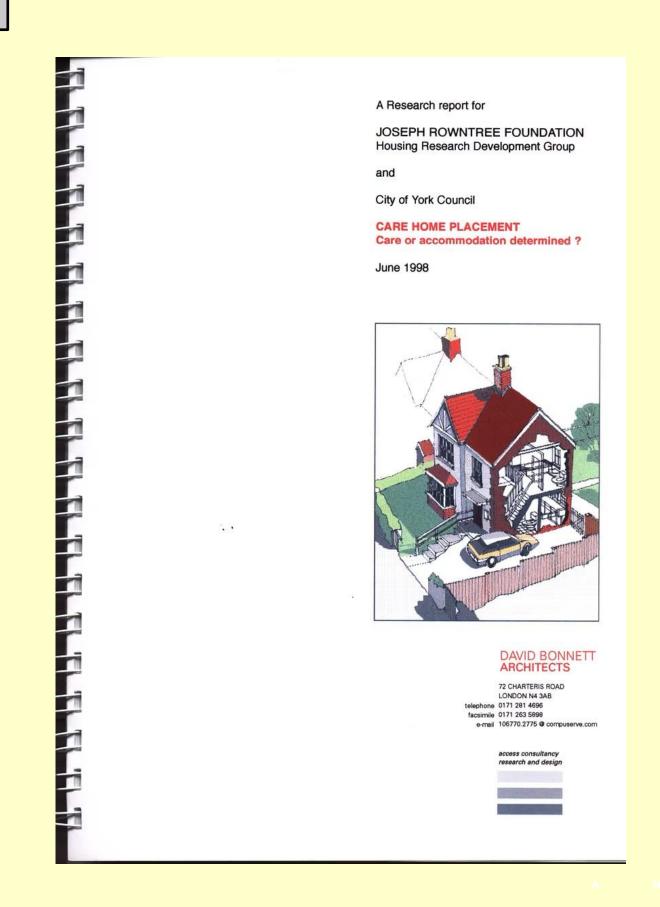




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4. DBA's role on York Central

DBA Role

- Act as Access Consultant, reviewing pre-application proposals with respect to inclusive design.
- Reviews reference regulatory requirements, best practice, and local planning policy. Process builds trust by flagging issues: green (agreement), amber/red (requiring further discussion).
- DBA is not the decision-maker; final decisions rest with York Planning Authority and McLaren.

DBA input to date

- Reviewing masterplan strategy and individual plot proposals.
- Feedback from the presentation last week and pre-application meeting is under discussion with the client.
- DBA attended the July public consultation and will attend again in October.
- DBA appointed for RMA Application only, but we are open to re-engaging with the Forum as the design progresses and the client confirms future consultation activity (and our instruction).

Any questions?