

Wallis Road

Where: Hackney Wick, E9. Who For: M&D Silk Properties. What: 44 units, 2133 sqm commercial



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Architect: Stockwool

The London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) granted permission in 2017 for this regeneration scheme. Designed for M&D Silk Properties, the scheme has transformed a light industrial site into a vibrant mixed-use development providing new homes and significant employment space. One of the existing buildings has been retained as a heritage asset, with the original trusses exposed and internal mezzanines added as part of a sympathetic restoration. This building saw the creation and manufacture of the world's first plastic in 1864.

The scheme forms part of the LLDC's masterplan for the regeneration of Hackney Wick. The four-storey building encloses the central yard, providing additional employment space as well as 44 new mixed-tenure homes with one to three bedrooms. The architectural treatment takes its cue from the context through a limited palette of materials: brick, concrete and steel feature heavily to create an industrial vernacular.

This scheme represents a cornerstone of the wider regeneration of the Wick. It will preserve and enhance historic buildings and contribute to the vitality and urban quality of this new emerging neighbourhood. The scheme was completed in 2020.

