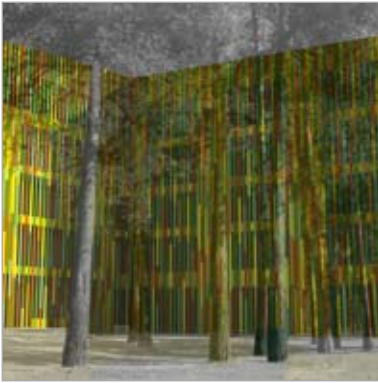


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Arja Lehtimäki works as an urban designer, artist and an architect. She qualified from the Bartlett School of Planning, UCL 1999 after which she has worked as a consultant both in the UK and internationally. Recently her work has concentrated on landscape art and architecture but her experience ranges from strategic masterplanning to detailed design. She has also worked on design guidance production and public transport projects. She has excellent presentation skills including CAD and 3D. She is conscientious and industrious but also good fun to work with. Her particular strengths include the ability to understand complex urban projects, provide structure and vision as well as carry out day to day detailed design work. She is also experienced in project management and client liaison and enjoys working as part of a multi disciplinary team.



2009

Housing for the elderly, Kokkola, Finland

CLIENT: MEDIREX OY

This housing development is designed especially for the 50+ age group, who want to plan ahead into their retirement and old age. The development highlights the importance of the surrounding community and maintaining a healthy, active lifestyle. Whilst apartments are fully equipped and designed for independent living, the residents who move in are also committed to taking part in communal activities. Most importantly they prepare and share meals together and take care of the day to day maintenance of the buildings.

Once completed, the development will consist of approximately 60 apartments in two buildings, connected by a communal living space. Other shared spaces include a dining room, three saunas, a gym, small food store, wood workshop and a laundry room. Residents also become members of a private car/ cycle club which reduces the space required for car parking.

Role: Project manager, architect



2008

Mixed use development, Kokkola, Finland

CLIENT: MEDIREX OY

Design for a mixed use urban block including high quality housing for 50+ age group. The site is located within a walking distance of the town centre and opposite a swimming pool/ physio therapy practice. The design of the layout has been developed with special consideration to the landforms and existing mature pine trees on the site. The layout creates an intimate, pedestrian scale environment within the block and a small urban square for the residents.

Role: Project manager, planner/ architect



2008

Hyväntoivonpuisto, Jätkäsaari, Helsinki

CLIENT: CITY OF HELSINKI

Working as part of a consultant team led by VSU to create a new 5 Ha public park for the Jätkäsaari mixed use urban extension which is being built in the old industrial harbour of Helsinki. The park forms an important link with the existing Ruoholahti mixed use area connecting it with the sea at the south-eastern edge of Jätkäsaari. The park has to deal with a multitude of technical and functional requirements as well as challenging geological and climatic conditions.

My role as has been to provide design solutions to the interfaces of the park and streetscape which is a particular design challenge due to several underground facilities which are accessed at these points. As the park is located approximately 5-7m higher than the street level accessibility, legibility and safety have become the main design issues.

Role: Specialist consultant, urban design, environmental art



2006

Pyhäjärvi Town Centre

CLIENT: UNIVERSITY OF OULU, CITY OF PYHÄJÄRVI

The regeneration plans of the Pyhäjärvi town centre were prepared as part of a joint project organised by the University of Oulu and Pohjois Pohjanmaan Liitto (a regional planning body). The project team included representatives from the Pyhäjärvi council, cultural organisations and local businesses. A public consultation was held at an early stage of the plan development.

The central focus of the plan was to form a new central square which connects the town centre both in terms of its uses and movement. As well as functioning as a market place, the area can be used for larger events especially in the summer months. The new square connects the coach-station with the town centre and significantly improves the legibility of the area. The market place also functions as natural traffic calming as it extends over the main high street at a raised level.

Role: Specialist consultant, urban design



2005

Sustainable Development Strategy, Astana, Kazakhstan

CLIENT: CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, ASTANA

Working for the recently founded Centre for Sustainable Development for Astana, the new capital city of Kazakhstan, to produce their first strategy for sustainable development up to year 2030. The strategy was created in consultation with a number of specialist consultants from the UK. My role was to coordinate the various specialist inputs to form a coherent strategy document as well as work as an editor and project manager for the production.

Working in a context where the concept of sustainability was not yet established, which was lacking in much of the usual office infrastructure (skills as well as hardware), dealing with the language difficulties and bureaucratic barriers, made the process truly challenging. However, the abundant energy and enthusiasm of the local team as well as the urgency of establishing sustainable practice in Astana made it all truly worthwhile.

Role: Specialist consultant, urban design

VSU

2006 Memorial cemetery redesign, Oulu

LLEWELYN-DAVIES, UK

2004 Newburn Riverside Masterplan

2004 Ex–colliery Villages, Northumberland coast

2003 Woodbrook Phase 1, Brokerstown Village, Lisburn, Northern Ireland

JULIE BINDON ASSOCIATES

**2003 Supporting Statement for Centrepont Redevelopment,
Sydney, Australia**

2003 St Mary’s Development, Sydney, Australia

LLEWELYN-DAVIES, UK

**2002 Woodbrook Masterplan, Brokerstown Village,
Lisburn, Northern Ireland**

2002 Merseytram

2001 Smethwick, Soho Technology Park

2001 Horsham Urban Capacity Study

2001 Smethwick Masterplan

2001 Finsbury New Deal Masterplan

2000 South Yorkshire Design Guide

2000 The Clustering of Community Services in Kent Thames–side

2000 Rochester Riverside Urban Design Framework

1999 Rochester Riverside Renaissance

1999 Designing Development in Public Transport Corridors

**1999 Housing Capacity Study for the Royal Borough
of Kensington and Chelsea**

**1999 Sustainable Residential Development III: Exploring the
Housing Potential of Large Sites**

ALAN BAXTER & ASSOCIATES

1998 Masterplan proposal for a mixed–use site in Bristol Harbourside

**1998 Movement study and an urban area analysis for
Trinity Buoy Wharf, London**

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