



CAMBRIDGE BIOMEDICAL CAMPUS **THE GREEN & THE GARDENS**

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BY THE DEVELOPERS AS PART
OF THE CAMPUS EXPANSION



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COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC ART

As part of the outline planning consent for the 70 acre expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC), Liberty Property Trust and Countryside committed to a substantial package of public art and public realm. This means that an artist-in-residence programme, as well as sculptural elements of public art are being fully funded by the developers — making this public arts programme one of the largest investments of its kind to date, in the Cambridge region.

The public art programme for CBC's expansion involves two commissions.

The first is The Green & The Gardens public realm for employees, patients and visitors. Created by international artist, Ryan Gander, whose vision is a village green/campground, which includes a series of public art works as part of his design.

The second commission is a campus-wide artist-in-residence programme to explore and promote the fantastic work taking place at CBC. MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology and Royal Papworth Hospital have both taken part in the experience to date.



CGI of The Green & The Gardens

EVOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC ART PROGRAMME

2009

Outline planning consent is granted for the Phase 1 campus' expansion. This sets out a vision for arts and culture to play a vital role in its expansion. A £1.2 million package of public art on site is agreed with the joint developers, Liberty Property Trust and Countryside Properties.

2010

Cultural masterplanner, Futurecity, develops a public art strategy for CBC.

2012

The CBC Public Art Steering Group is established including Cambridge University Hospitals, Kettle's Yard, University of Cambridge, Royal Papworth Hospital, The Medical Research Council LMB, Cancer Research UK and Cambridge City Council.

Late 2013 to early 2014

Led by the Steering Group, several events and meetings are held with a wide range of groups on the campus to get feedback on the commission for the public art.

Spring 2014

Ryan Gander is selected as the concept artist from a shortlist of five.

Summer 2014

An extensive public consultation process is undertaken with events, workshops and meetings held to ensure that a broad range of campus users were engaged, including employees, patients and the wider community—feedback highlights people want a calming, green space which would provide shelter and escape — an oasis on the campus.

2015 – 2017

Ryan Gander moulds and casts the sculptural elements and continues to develop the plans for the public realm.
Artist-in-residence at MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology commenced.

2017

Construction starts on the new public realm, The Green & The Gardens.
Artist-in-residence at Royal Papworth Hospital commenced.

Winter 2018

Ryan Gander will visit campus to select the locations within the public realm for the sculptural elements.

Spring 2019

Launch of the new public realm, The Green & The Gardens including an unveiling of the public art sculptural elements.



THE GREEN & THE GARDENS

Some thoughts from Ryan Gander,
international conceptual artist

If you think back through time, across England's towns and villages there used to be common ground for all; a common place to walk around, and for personal and communal recreation.

My vision is to make the new public space reminiscent of that: a common ground for all, a level playing field for everyone to play on, a space for all CBC users to feel is theirs and to share together.

It is a vision for a green space at the heart of CBC that pulls England's rural countryside into the campus. A vision to establish a strong natural landscape, rich in colour and biodiverse appeal, to act as a green open space resource for the overall campus, a pleasant outlook and

green front door. Nature, intimacy, and human scale combine into one holistic space to discover, explore, wonder, relax, be alone and together; for private conversations and public events. An adventure playground for the mind.



Image credit: © Ryan Gander
Courtesy the artist Tom Mannion

INVITATION TO SUGGEST ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

This newly emerging area of public realm is for all at CBC and we welcome your ideas as to how you might like to enjoy this outdoor space—things like yoga classes,

poetry readings, picnics and pop up retail.

Please email Megan Buddle:
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Public art microsite (coming soon):
cambridge-biomedical.com