

The Civic Trust Awards Scheme was established in 1959 to recognise outstanding architecture, planning and design in the built environment. Amongst its most recent awards, the CTA commended a new urban park at Portlaoise which includes a performance space and recreation area. It is hoped that programmes of events and activities will encourage the public to engage with this attractive new space.

A low level car park forms an intrinsic part of the development. Lang+Fulton supplied the screening for this area from their range of steel louvres.

Panels of *Italia-40* were recommended to provide the required ventilation to the lower floor of car parking. *Italia-80* panels were used on the upper level, offering the desired effect of visual screening. The support steelwork for the panels was fixed to the underlying concrete structure at an angle to create an oblique architectural effect.

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