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NEO Bankside, London

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Neo Bankside contributes to a debate about urban design and building form and is a well-mannered example of a structurally expressive architecture. The form and positioning of the blocks means there are very few pinch points and no overlooking, allowing 360-degree views out. Coupled with the exoskeletal structure, this has freed up floor plates, making the scheme more market-responsive.

The articulation of the buildings, expressed structure, quality of the glazing systems and the external lifts make the scale feel almost cute. This is also a result of the single-glazed, large, triangular winter gardens, which dematerialise the ends of the blocks, and the triple-height structural module, which reduces their perceived height. At ground level, rich detailing and landscaped entrance gardens help the buildings retain a human scale.

Client GC Bankside
(joint venture between
Native Land and
Grosvenor)
Contractor Carillion
Contract value
£132 million
Gross internal area
42,000m²
Region London

