Potters’ Field Park Pavilions

Urban Architecture

below left: Potters Field, Parkside Pavilion, model exhibited at the Royal Academy

below right: Image of Potters Field area during ‘the Blitz’

opposite page: Parkside Pavilion

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There is a strong tradition of dark, timber clad buildings set within the parks of London. The design adds to this precedent whilst acknowledging specific local conditions. Anecdotes from local people, as well as historic documents, relate how the site was subject to severe bombing during the Second World War. This emotive history is reflected in the use of sculpted charred timber as the external cladding. The timber has been treated to provide a dark appearance, by burning the wood and applying a sealant so it appears ossified. The rich effect is complimented with lightweight simple glazing that encloses the retail unit, so that at night it is a beacon across the landscape of the park.

The form of the building is derived from an analysis of movement and views on the site. Its carved form is set within a group of trees that create a veiled view of City Hall. The setting relates to a strong English landscape tradition of grottos and groves.

Building Tour Doubleheader

Pottersfield Park Pavilions and Snowfields by DSDHA

Wednesday 22nd June 2011 at 6.30pm

Please meet at the pavilions located at the rear of City Hall:
110 The Queens Walk, London, SE1 2AA

1.5 CES credits available

RSVP to Wade Scaramucci at wscaramucci@ahmm.co.uk
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A guided walking tour of two projects will be given by Deborah Saunt from DSDHA. It is an approximate five minute walk between the two projects.

Pottersfields:

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Snowfields:

The design proposes a 3 storey addition to the existing ground floor and basement. The new storeys, along with the existing ground and basement, form the jewellery studio providing sales, workshop, administration and meeting space. The scheme responds to its location as the terminus of a 5 storey terrace, its surrounding context within the Bermondsey Street Conservation Area, and its historic location in a tannery district from where Snowsfields draws its name. The design seeks to build on the qualities of the area whilst providing a contemporary, sustainable building that embodies high quality design and craftsmanship.