

Design Review:
**Riverlight
(Tideway
Wharf)**

Designed by Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners

Wandsworth

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We support this planning application. The strength of the proposal lies in the strong layout of linear blocks alternating with private gardens. We appreciate the clarity of the scheme and we welcome the generous public space.

Nine Elms masterplan

This development sits within an emerging masterplan and may be the first to be built in the Nine Elms opportunity area. We urge the design team and the developer to respond carefully to the sites to the south and to take the needs of the wider area into consideration, particularly the relationship to Nine Elms Lane and the routes and spaces connecting it to the adjacent sites.

Layout and buildings

The decision to arrange the linear apartment blocks across the site running north-south, with gardens between them, to create views of the river from Nine Elms Lane and to allow sunlight into the heart of the development is sound. The linear blocks sit amid well designed, spacious public and communal spaces which offer a number of different characters and qualities. Internally, we welcome the short corridors and the intelligently designed floor plans with balconies. Ultimately, the success of the scheme will depend on the quality of materials and details bearing in mind ageing and weathering. The local authority should put the relevant controls in place to ensure that the landscape proposals are delivered.

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