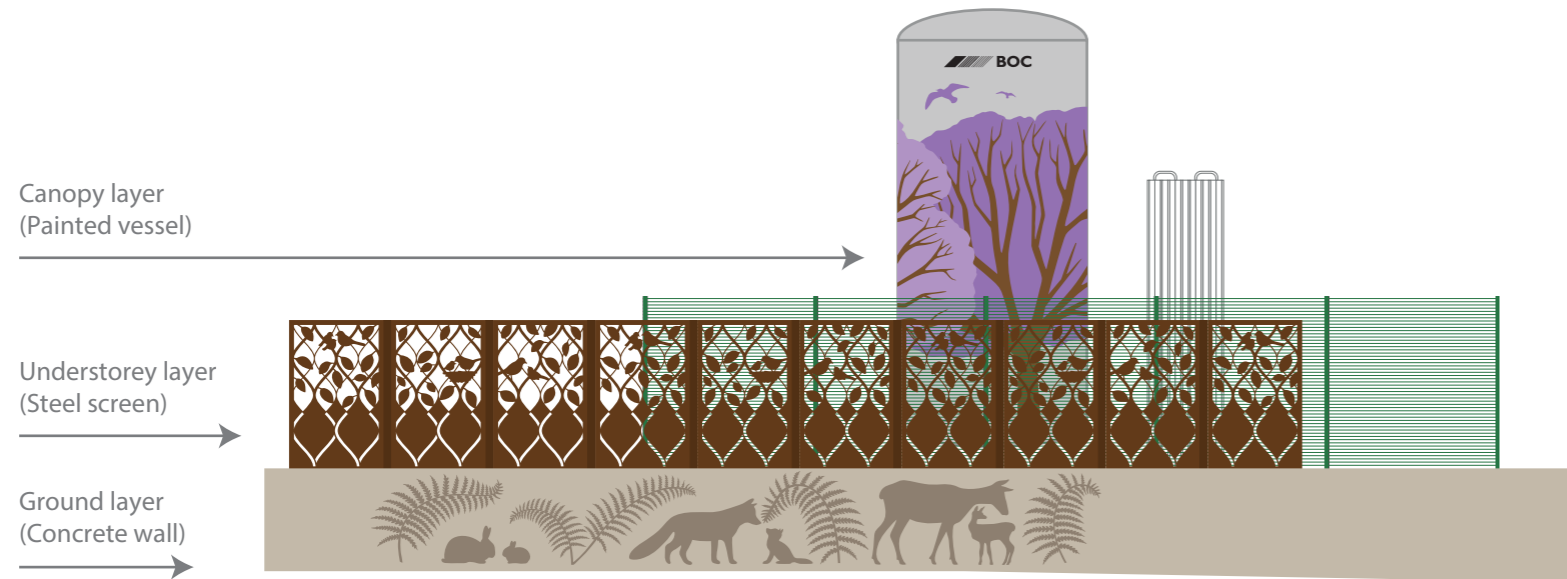


Artwork Proposal for Sandblasted Concrete Wall, Barnsley Hospital, Gawber Rd, Barnsley S75 2EP



Overall theme and context

The artwork strategy for the VIE scheme at Barnsley Hospital has been designed to transform essential hospital infrastructure into a layered narrative of care, growth, and ecological connection. Through simple motifs of animals and their mothers intertwined with plant imagery, the artworks serve a threefold purpose: discreetly screening the liquid oxygen vessels, responding sensitively to the adjacent Maternity Unit, and acting as an educational tool for children at Summer Lane Primary School opposite. Firstly they provide an interesting visual screen to lessen the impact of the vessels on the surrounding area and to those approaching the hospital site. Secondly the imagery creates a universal language of protection and belonging, resonating with families entering the Maternity Unit and offering reassurance within a clinical setting. Thirdly the design unfolds vertically across the wall, screen and vessels, echoing the structure of a woodland ecosystem (ground, understorey, and canopy).

Artwork description for concrete wall

The artwork which will be sandblasted out of the existing concrete retaining wall will reference the ground and field layers, showing foxes, rabbits, and deer with their young amongst bracken. Their presence at ground level will root the artwork in the familiar landscape, reflecting the quiet, protective relationships between mother and young.



Precedent Images



Sandblasted wall artwork by Hardscape Surfaces for 'London Unto the Sea' Thames Path North East Extension, Isle of Dogs, London.



Sandblasted wall artwork on the Metro Center Levee flood mitigation wall in Nashville, Tennessee, USA.



Material and Technique

Design to be applied to existing 1360mm high concrete wall by sandblasting through rubber template stencils on site. Concrete walls have aggregate around 1.5mm under the top surface. Areas which are sandblasted will expose the aggregate.

The existing wall has imperfections which will remain, however care will be taken to try and encompass some of the more obvious imperfections within the shapes to be sandblasted out to make them less apparent. This will have the added benefit of avoiding issues with the stencil not adhering.

Before work commences, the wall will be pressure-washed and allowed to dry completely.

There are no access issues and there will be no working at height. The work area will be barriered off and covered and the contractor will use their own external power source.

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