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## About Oak View

Oak View Landscapes Limited was formed in 2004 by Paul Downer. Paul has over 20 years experience in landscape construction and amenity management, previously holding positions at senior management and director level. Paul's formal training was undertaken at Writtle College and the Institute of Directors. He is a former main Board Director of the British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI).

Based in Essex, Oak View are a progressive company who work at the bespoke end of both the commercial and domestic markets, specialising in projects where there is close liaison with the main contractor, client and Landscape Architect. Oak View were double Award Winners at the BALI Landscape Awards in November 2006.

We set great importance on staff training and Health and Safety and aim to recruit experienced employees who have formal qualifications from land-based colleges. A comprehensive in-house training programme is supplemented by external courses to further develop staff as the company continues to grow and expand. Professional Health and Safety procedures, including Risk Assessments and Method Statements are carried out for every project and are audited by our qualified Health and Safety Consultants. All staff hold current R.O.L.O. and C.S.C.S. cards and, as a company, we carry all appropriate insurances and indemnities.

## Our fourfold promise to you:

- We'll plan the work on your project in partnership with you and your site team to create a landscape of which you can be proud.
- We'll use trained people who will work safely, be supervised properly, and use the right equipment and materials for your project.
- We'll respect the time pressures on you. We'll turn up when we are scheduled to and if we're delayed by weather or unforeseen circumstances we'll keep you informed.
- We'll respect your budget and highlight any potential risks before they become an issue.

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### Our expertise:

- Design, planning, & consultancy
- Site clearance
- Topsoil supply & installation
- Hard landscape construction
- Grounds maintenance
- Arboriculture
- Fencing & timber structures
- Lighting installation
- Tree & shrub planting
- Turfing & seeding
- Semi mature tree planting
- Timber decking

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## Project Profile: Capital Square Fountain Courtyard, Chelmsford



### Project Details

Client: **Barratt Eastern Counties**  
Landscape Contractor: **Oak View Landscapes Limited**  
Contractor for fountains: **Miles Waterscapes Ltd**  
Landscape Architects: **Liz Lake Associates**

### The project

Capital Square is a mixed-use development of luxury apartments and retail units built around two landscaped courtyards situated near the centre of Chelmsford. The western 'fountain courtyard' provides a contemporary landscape space with seating to view the feature fountains.

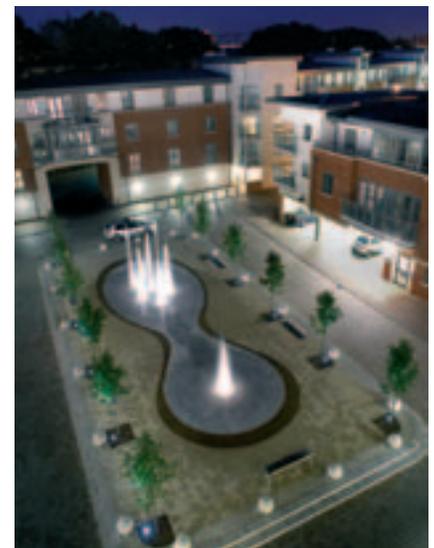
The primary landscape objective for the site was to create a high quality, safe, fountain courtyard, with a sense of unity with and complementary to the surrounding architecture. Oak View Landscapes Limited were contracted by Barratt Eastern to install specialist tree pits with lighting, conservation kerbs, spherical bollards, setts, pavers, arboresin and benches to create the area surrounding the fountains. Miles Waterscapes Limited installed the central fountain feature within the stainless steel edging.



### Unusual features and challenges overcome during the course of the work:

The restricted access to the site and the overall lack of available storage space together with a very tight construction programme, short lead in time and temperatures of over 30°C made this an incredibly challenging project. However, Oak View Landscapes met their handover dates on time and within budget.

After precise setting out it was discovered that all the silver grey 100mm x 100mm blocks were nominally larger than the manufacturer's specification which meant that subtle readjustments to the laying of these setts had to be made in order to avoid the unnecessary cutting of the paving blocks. A close and positive team-working relationship between the



landscape architect and the landscape contractor enabled these issues to be overcome.

During the works, Oak View suggested turning the alignment of the block that butted up to the curvy stainless steel edge through 90°. In this way a better relationship between the two could be achieved with precise neatly cut blocks. This was implemented to good effect.

### The outcome

The project won a BALI National Award in the 'Mainly Hard Landscaping Cost Over £50,000' category. The awards adjudicators described Capital Square as a "stunning urban courtyard" and acknowledged Oak View's "high level of skill and professionalism" in stating "their work on the Capital Square project in Chelmsford demonstrated that they place great importance on quality workmanship and professional project management."

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