

Natural Pool Set For Kings Cross



ABOVE: An artist's impression shows how the new natural pool at Kings Cross will look once it is completed at the end of the year.

Work has begun on the UK's first ever public natural swimming pool, as part of an art project within the innovative King's Cross Development.

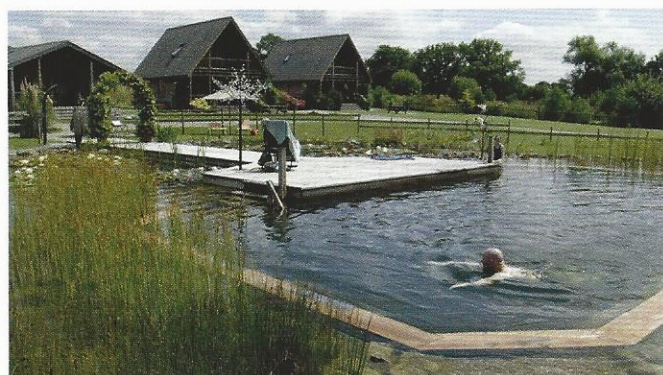
The aim is to provide people living in the area with a scenic and relaxing vantage point from where they can swim and enjoy watching the rapidly expanding Kings Cross area.

The natural, chemical-free pool has been designed by Ooze Architects & Marjetica Potrč and is being built by natural pool designer BIOTOP and its UK partner, Kingcombe Aquacare Ltd.

The first stages of ground works for the complex construction of the 411m² natural pool began in October and the build is expected to be completed by the end of the year, when the pool will be given time to develop naturally, before it is opened to the public in Spring 2015.

DAILY SWIMMERS

Although natural swimming pools and ponds have been built in the UK since around 2008 they have so far only been designed for private homes or hotels. The King's Cross natural swimming pool



ABOVE: Public pools in Europe continue to grow in popularity and BIOTOP has built over 4,000 public and private natural pools throughout the continent, like this one at Oasis Lodge in Herefordshire.

FACTS & FIGURES

Water Depth: **max. 2.8 m, plus 1.3m swimming zone**

Swimming Area: **228 m²**

Regeneration/Filter Zone: **183 m²**

Total: **411 m²**

TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT:

PhostecUltra:

3 (plus 2 for filling water)

Animal Friendly Skimmer: **2**

Bio compact filter duo: **3**

Curved sieve combined: **2**

will be the first to be open for the public to enjoy and has been specifically designed to be able to accommodate larger numbers of daily swimmers.

Peter Petrich, managing director at BIOTOP said: "We are delighted to be bringing the UK's first public swimming pool to life in such an innovative way. We are looking forward to showing Londoners and the UK how a piece of nature in the middle of the city can improve their quality of life, whether that's in your own garden or within a shared public space such as this."

Austrian based BIOTOP were the original inventors of the natural swimming pool and pond concept in the 1980s and the group now has almost 30 years' experience in this specialist field. BIOTOP has selected design and construction partners around the world including the UK, and has built over 4,000 public and private natural pools throughout Europe.