

Bermondsey Bicycle Store

London, United Kingdom

Bermondsey Bicycle Store forms a striking entrance to Bermondsey Square – a lively public space at the heart of an ambitious regeneration project in south-east London. Embedding green transport values within the local community, the store accommodates 76 bikes belonging to the square's workers and residents. Using stainless steel panels in an original and exciting manner, the intervention adds sparkle to Igloo's vision for inner city living.

The square is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and host to the historic Bermondsey Antiques Market. Beneath it lies the 11th century ruins of Bermondsey Abbey. Drawing on the narrative of silver trinkets and treasures past, the landscaping is conceived

as a textured carpet adorned with jewel-like street objects. Located at the southern entrance and visible from afar, the bicycle store is the ornamental highlight among the peppering of new bollards, benches and stands.

The building's outer skin is a playful array of triangular stainless steel panels that refer to the square's gem-like bollards. The surface fragments towards the roof revealing an underlying structure of laminated timber portal frames. A translucent inner skin provides a protected enclosure filled with diffused natural light. Sensor-integrated lighting maintains security and adds drama and prominence at night.

Environment:	urban
Material:	one way brushed stainless steel
Manufacturer:	Gallford Try
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