

# LAYING THE GROUNDWORK



*Teresa Potter* explains why garden design should be considered at the early stages of an off-plan project

**B**eginning a new-build project can be a daunting task for anyone - you want to be sure that your new home and

garden fulfil your expectations.

“Much of my work as a garden designer happens further down the line, however, by thinking about the design of your garden at the

beginning of the process you are more likely to maximise every opportunity.

“Working as part of a team with the client, architect and contractors helps to bring together different perspectives. The goal for all involved is to create a general sense of harmony between the buildings, the garden and their surroundings.

“Focusing on optimising the light and views while also taking into consideration the environment, drainage and ease of access can present challenges which often require unique solutions, making my role both practical and creative.

“All the work at the beginning lays the foundation of the garden and therefore outlines the areas that will at a later date be planted. The plants allow beautiful architecture to settle into the surroundings, enabling something that could look out of place to belong.” ■

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