



Ravenscraig is located between Motherwell and Wishaw



The legacy of the Ravenscraig steelworks (shown here in 1922) is a site largely constrained by sub-surface structures



The figure-ground plan shows how streets and blocks are proposed that take account of these constraints



The Ravenscraig vision is for a new settlement comprising more than 3,000 new homes

Ravenscraig Master Plan, North Lanarkshire, Scotland: A new place based on old foundations	
Location	Between the towns of Motherwell and Wishaw and adjacent Craigneuk and Carfin in West Central Scotland, 15 miles from Glasgow.
Design Team	Master Planner: Llewelyn-Davies Property surveyor: Grimley Engineer: The Babbie Group
Developer	Lanarkshire Development Agency, North Lanarkshire Council and British Steel
Site Area	455 hectares
Project	The preparation of a Master Plan for the redevelopment of the former Ravenscraig Steelworks.
Details	<p>The closure and subsequent demolition of Ravenscraig Steelworks left a huge physical hole in the Motherwell / Wishaw urban fabric, and a huge economic and social hole in the community. The North Lanarkshire area was traditionally very dependent on steel and allied industries, and since 1979 has lost some 40,000 jobs.</p> <p>Preparation of the Master Plan in 1997 required an appreciation of these wider issues and the physical design of buildings, streets and public spaces had to take account of the constraints posed by ground contamination, deep foundations, large drainage culverts (including the South Calder Water), high voltage cables and railway lines.</p> <p>The design response has been to propose an orthogonal grid (which takes a cue from Craig's New Town Plan of 1767 for Edinburgh) aligned with these sub-surface constraints.</p> <p>This provides a flexible framework that is capable of accommodating over 3000 new homes, a full range of community and leisure facilities, a variety of employment opportunities (from large single users to small workshops) and an efficient public transport network - all contained within an outstanding landscape setting.</p>
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