Favourite Street

Will Alsop’s Parkgate Road

Architect shares his favourite spots in Battersea, London.

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My studio is a space we turned into an arts venue with three parts: Testbed (the main area for exhibitions), a courtyard, and Doodle Bar, where you can draw on chairs and walls. My daughter, Nancy, runs it with the Committee With No Agenda, which is a group of established artists, theatre folk and young people in the Parkgate Rd.

TERSEA PARK
Battersea Park

The park was among the first in the world to be designed as a landscape park. There's something in it for everyone: a lake, sports pitches, jogging tracks – even a petting zoo.

\textit{side of the River Thames}

NSOME'S DOCK RESTAURANT

People don't know about this hidden spot on a dock on the inlet of the River Thames, in the heart of Battersea. It's a wonderful place to sit outside with a gin and tonic when the weather permits. The restaurant serves Modern British food – one of my favourite dishes is the shepherd's pie, which you can get "by request."

\textbf{Parkgate Rd., 44-20-7223-1611, ransomesdock.co.uk}

DENIX CYCLES

A bike shop, right near the park, specializes in Bromptons, the famous English brand known for its popular folding bikes. The owner is a real enthusiast with a sense of humour.

\textbf{Putney Bridge Rd., 44-20-7738-2766, phoenix-cycles.co.uk}

\textbf{BUTCHER & GRILL}

One of the best butcher shops in London, where you can eat at the grill. I order the English breakfast, and then buy a lump of meat like the Gloucester Old Spot.

\textbf{Parkgate Rd., 44-20-7924-3999, thebutcherandgrill.com}

\textbf{EnRoute | Will Alsop's Parkgate Road}

When architect \textbf{Will Alsop} isn't at his RMJM studio (whose neighbours include fashion designer Vivienne Westwood and fellow architect \textbf{Norman Foster}), he commutes to Toronto, where he's designing two new subway stations on the Spadina line. In September, Alsop takes up a teach at the Ontario College of Art and Design – which is fitting considering he co-designed the school's iconic pixelated-tabletop Sharp Centre for Design.

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