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The unique historical character of Coal Drops Yard required an equally individual approach to the illumination. Rich in shadow play, contrast, and texture, the lighting sensitively re-interprets the heritage of the listed former goods yard buildings, contributing to a unique experience for visitors after dark.

CLIENT
Argent

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Our starting point on this project was to refer back to the King's Cross Masterplan we developed and have overseen on behalf of our client Argent over the last 13 years. One of its central tenets was that any architectural lighting should focus on celebrating the heritage of this former industrial area.



Our masterplan also seeks to be highly sustainable by using lower levels of illumination to save energy and minimise the risk of over-illumination and light pollution in this mixed used district. We also developed the scheme to minimise the impact of such a major retail development after dark for local residents in the Gasholders.

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