

Materiality

- Establish a palette of materials that are appropriate within the parkland setting;
- Consider the weathering of materials to ensure they will age well and have longevity within the parkland setting;
- Consider the carbon cost of selected materials and technologies to ensure that the building minimises its whole life carbon impact in construction.

Views

- Consideration should be given to the key approach from the car park and how the building might better respond to glimpsed views through the canopy;
- The visitor centre should sit appropriately within the context so views from the dam and east/ west banks of Fish Pond are enhanced;
- The building should realise views over Fish Pond and its setting, and reconnect with long distance connections to elements of the estate and Neath Valley including Ivy Tower, focusing orientation, window placement and route on these key axes.

(Right) Formal Cascades that flow into Fish Pond.

