

## **Best Landscape Project**

### **West Kirby Flood Alleviation Scheme by AECOM**

As a flood defence scheme, the structure is required to fulfil some heavy-duty functions and in less imaginative hands could have been delivered as an uninspired piece of infrastructure that was more of a barrier to people than an asset to the waterfront. Instead, the barrier forms attractive and playful seating along the promenade. Allowing people to rest regularly if tired, or just to enjoy the view and an ice cream, is a simple thing, but well executed here with interesting detailing that adds to the visual interest. A strong, witty, and appropriately joyful intervention at the water's edge.