



The Service Area

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During the first year of my PhD, I worked in a shop that rented a unit in a city centre shopping centre. The photograph below depicts the service area around the back of said shopping centre, where the bins were kept. While this was a grotty and uninviting place at first, it offered staff a quiet place to rest for a moment. As such, it became a place for quick smoke breaks, casual conversation and quiet reflection. Over time I came to see a type of beauty in the place, rooted in its human connections and calm, oasis-like quality.



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