

30 Finsbury Square

Client Scottish Widows plc

Value £26m

Eric Parry Architects were appointed in 1999 by Scottish Widows to develop and achieve planning approval for a new office development in this prestigious square.

The project is in a Conservation Area and required the demolition of a locally listed 1920s structure. The project team carefully considered the conservation issues and design, with public consultations with the local authority and local forum groups.

The design evolved from a study of urban setting and fabric, including the use of the public square. The project creates the best internal office arrangement for flexible office use with no internal columns.

The elevations are innovative, with load bearing limestone piers supporting the internal steel beams. The depth of the façade provides additional solar shading which asserts the energy conservation strategy. The elevational treatment also responds to the urban setting from the articulated west facing square to the tighter rear street.

The building has won an RIBA award, AIA/UK Design Excellence Award, a commendation from the British Council for Offices, and was on the short-list for the Stirling Prize 2003.

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