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Consulting Engineers & Landscape Architects



PROJECT:

Unilever International Management Training HQ,
Kingston-Upon-Thames

CLIENT:

Unilever

ARCHITECTS:

Baker Design Group

BM SERVICES:

Landscape Architecture and Multi-disciplinary
Engineering

VALUE:

Classified

DESIGN BRIEF

To provide landscape and engineering design services for the redevelopment of Four Acres manor house and gardens for the headquarters of Unilever.

The first phase of development, the Jubilee Building was completed in 2003.

DESIGN INITIATIVES/ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN

Battle McCarthy were appointed to provide full multi-disciplinary engineering for the redevelopment of the Four Acres manor house and gardens; the UK headquarters of Unilever.

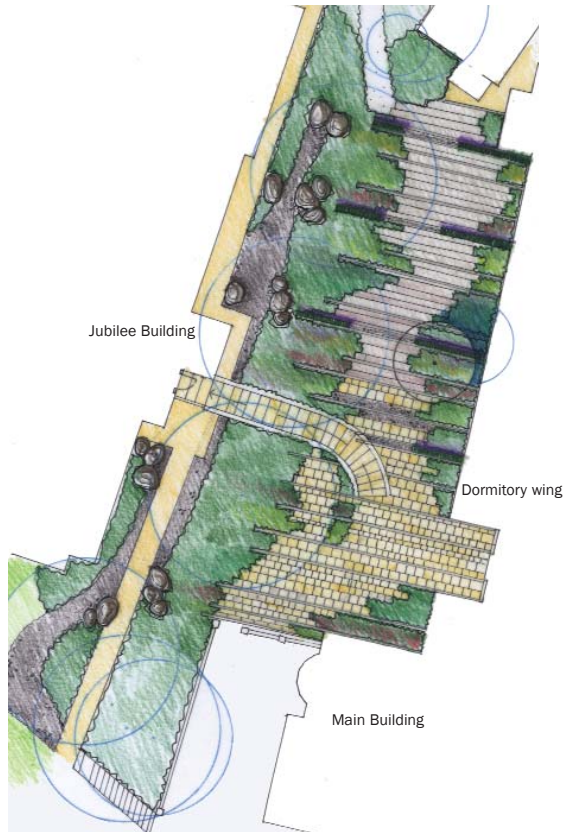
The project involved the design of a brand new £13 million bedroom block along with the extension and refurbishment of the existing Jubilee Building and internal improvements of the existing Grade II listed manor house.

The design for the total project was completed up to scheme design where it was submitted for planning. Due to the delicate nature of the site the new build bedroom block was not given immediate planning permission but was granted it later. Full detail design was therefore carried out for all other aspects of the project. The building works have just been completed in late 2003, with Unilever taking occupancy of the Jubilee Building in late 2003.

The Jubilee Building is housed within a renovated 1 and 2 storey existing building that was located to the west of the main manor house. The building previously housed a lecture theatre, swimming pool and an auxiliary dormitory. The brief for the redevelopment of the Jubilee building involved extending the building to house a gymnasium, classrooms and a breakout lounge plus the extensive refurbishment and improved service strategy for the lecture theatre space. A new covered walkway to link the Jubilee building with the main manor house completed the design.



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Terraced landscape



The Jubilee Building is located in a position of significant natural beauty and it was therefore essential that it be an exemplar sustainable development designed for low environmental impact.

The Building form responds to the climate to minimising the use of energy and CO₂. The internal environment was enhanced through the control of nuisances like noise, air pollution, and overheating and the harnessing of natural light, pleasant aromas and natural air movement to create a pleasant and healthy atmosphere for working and learning.

In addition the Jubilee Building also interacts with the landscape to 'Tell a Story' about the recycling of water with the use of a grass/sedum roof that covers the extension tells.

