

CASE STUDY

W R Dunn & Co Ltd.

CHARTERED BUILDING SURVEYORS AND ARCHITECTS



Date Completed: 2008

Project Value: £2.1m

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(M&E)



Bishopthorpe Palace, Strategic redevelopment.

The Church Commissioners for England commissioned an appraisal of Bishopthorpe Palace, York in November 2005, and subsequently commissioned a Quadrennial Inspection Report. Thereafter, a scheme for the Strategic Redevelopment of the Palace to optimise the use of all areas, including numerous redundant rooms was developed. The key elements of the brief were to provide separate, discreet and independent facilities for The Archbishop of York and his family as well as the Archbishop's offices and staff, whilst simultaneously upgrading the building service infrastructure, improving the accessibility of the building for all users, and generally modernising the building within strict conservation principles.

Bishopthorpe Palace is located to the south of the City of York within the village of Bishopthorpe, and is positioned on the banks of the River Ouse. The earliest section of the Palace dates from circa 1250-5 and was built by Archbishop Walter De Grey. Later extensions include the North range – added 1480 and a main Palace range (West elevation) of 1769. Over the years, the Palace has been modified and extended to suit the ongoing successive Archbishops' specific requirements and preferences.

The building is Grade I listed with Grade II* listed buildings adjacent include the Stable Block and Gate Lodge.



OUTLINE OF PROJECT BRIEF AND PROGRAMME

An important aspect of the client's brief was that the building should remain in operation during the contract works (Archbishop's Ministerial office use). This led to a two phase approach to the design and construction of the building. In addition, due to the risk of the undercroft level being flooded (due to seasonal river level rises), key elements of the service infrastructure had to be raised up to the Principal Floor level.

Phase 1 of the works, completed September 2007 included the Archbishop's offices, visitor

accommodation, meeting rooms, and warden's flat. Phase 2 of the works, the larger of the phases, completed August 2008, included the creation of the Archbishop's private apartment, formation of meeting rooms, completion of guest suites, remodeling of banqueting facilities and other ancillary functions.

SUMMARY

In relation to the Strategic Redevelopment Project W R Dunn and Co Ltd provided Project Management, Architectural, Conservation Consultancy & CDM Co-ordinator Services. This project demonstrates our abilities on large and complex schemes, to design, manage and successfully complete refurbishment and alteration works.