

Sense of Place Heritage Award



ENGLISH HERITAGE



Juniper House King's Lynn, Norfolk

Renovation and conversion of a redundant 1500sq m 2-storey office block in King's Lynn's historic centre into a mixed development of houses and flats for rent and an office building for the Borough Council.

An elegant façade of planes of brick and render terminates in a continuous clearstorey below a dramatic stainless steel roof cladding. Enclosed within the block is a public garden with a rich planting of evergreen shrubs, bamboos and perennials. The office building utilises a low energy strategy for providing environmental control of the space. The building is estimated to cost one quarter that of a conventional air-conditioned building to run, and the staff enjoys a healthy working environment. This is the first low energy Local Authority Building of its kind in the country and demonstrates the Borough Council's commitment to its Local Agenda 21 objectives.

Architect: Jeremy Stacey Architects
 Client: Borough Council of
 King's Lynn & West Norfolk
 Contract value: £2,500,000

The architects have sensitively and creatively brought a redundant building back into use and enhanced a part of an important historic centre. It is a very impressively detailed building that combines good urban design with sustainable office space in a very comfortable and refined way.