



National Assembly for Wales, Access Design Appraisal

THE TASK

TPS carried out a comprehensive audit of the design proposals for the new National Assembly for Wales building in Cardiff in support of Schal Project Management, the project managers and planning supervisors for the new £40.9m Assembly Building for the National Assembly for Wales. Richard Rogers Partnership designed the scheme, as a result of an international competition launched in 1998. The building is located in the prominent and prestigious waterfront of Cardiff Bay, the second largest urban regeneration project in the United Kingdom, which has revived and replaced the old coal-exporting docks area of the city. The building, occupying approximately 5,000m², will be the seat of government in Wales and will house the debating chamber for the Assembly, committee rooms and other associated facilities.

The work included an assessment of the measures incorporated within the scheme to facilitate access and use by all people including people with mobility, sensory and cognitive impairments. The report appraised the proposals against a requirement of the Project Brief for an 'exemplary' standard of accessibility.

THE SERVICE

The access audit examined the specifications and drawings for compliance with relevant legislation and recognised good practice guidance. Our assessment examined approach, parking, external landscaped areas, entrance, reception, horizontal circulation, vertical circulation, facilities within the building, access for maintenance and means of escape, with a view to maximising accessibility whilst maintaining the distinctive design.

PROJECT PROFILE



CLIENT

The National Assembly for Wales

PROJECT VALUE

£40.9m

PROJECT TYPE

Government / urban regeneration

SERVICES

Design auditor

COMPLETION DATE

June 2003

ARCHITECT

Richard Rogers Partnership

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THE RESULT

The new Assembly is intended to be a city landmark promoting the concept of an open, all inclusive assembly with equal access for all, providing a quality working environment that is flexible enough to quickly adapt to organisational, operational and technological changes without the need for continual costly reconstruction. The aim was to achieve an exemplar building and the recommendations made by TPS provided the designers with guidance to improve the design with this in mind.



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