



New Public Record Office, Kew

THE TASK:

The new Public Record Office at Kew has brought together all of its records on one site. These include the Domesday Book and government records dating back to the 11th Century. We provided multi-disciplinary design, project management and construction quality management services for the construction of the extension and refurbishment of the existing building.

The bunker like nature of the existing structure has been softened by its new extension, which employs high quality internal and external finishes throughout. The surrounding site has also been extensively landscaped to provide a small park for staff, readers and local residents. A new access road diverts traffic from nearby residential streets.

The new building includes twelve self-contained repositories, offices, conference and training suite and a conservation laboratory. The document storage areas and the public/staff areas have widely differing environmental requirements. The design includes the use of atria to act as environmental buffers to separate the different areas.

AWARD:

The Secretary of State for the Environment's Special Commendation for Environmental Excellence in the British Construction Industry

CLIENT:

Public Record Office

SERVICES:

Design, construction quality management, project management and landscaping

VALUE:

£34m

TYPE:

Offices and industrial