



## Portcullis House, London

### Security and CTM

#### THE TASK

Portcullis House is the new annex building to the Palace of Westminster and provides accommodation for 235 MPs and their staff. The £260m building is a landmark design, located above Westminster Underground Station, opposite St Stephen's Tower (Big Ben), with a subway to the Palace of Westminster. It is in one of the most popular tourist areas of London, and presented a considerable security challenge.

#### THE SERVICE

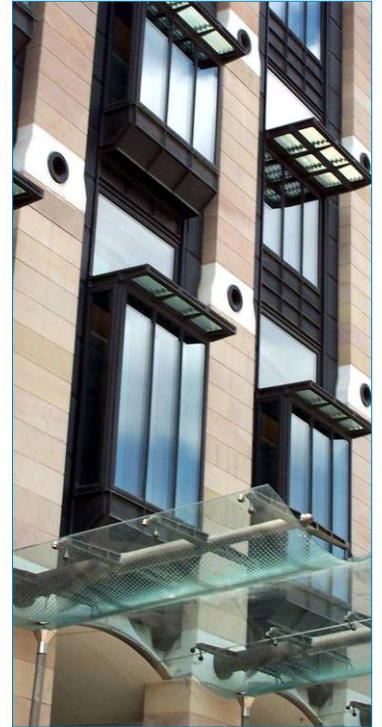
TPS Security provided expert specialist security and structural (counter-terrorist) consultancy and advice. In co-operation with Government agencies and the Metropolitan Police Service, TPS produced a detailed system design, co-ordinating the requirements and working with the construction and client design teams managing the installation of the measures. The brief required that the building must be welcoming to visiting constituents, but at the same time security had to be unobtrusive yet effective, without creating a "fortress" environment.

The TPS Security Risk Assessment identified the need for a high level of security consisting of physical, electronic and structural measures. The threat of terrorist bombs is ever present in London but the TPS security design does not detract from the architectural impact of the building, whilst ensuring the security and safety of its occupants.

#### THE RESULT

Construction of Portcullis House was completed in 2000 and provides modern, comfortable, convenient and secure office space for the MPs and their staff.

#### PROJECT PROFILE



#### CLIENT

Parliamentary Works  
Directorate

#### PROJECT VALUE

£260m

#### SERVICES

- Security
- Counter Terrorism

#### FURTHER DETAILS

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