



## PROJECT PROFILE



# John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

## THE TASK

John Radcliffe Hospital is a nine storey facility including a lower ground floor car park with bridge links to the existing hospital. The overall site is Oxfordshire's main accident and emergency hospital and also provides acute medical and surgical services, trauma, intensive care, cardiac services, women's services, children's services, and the Oxford University Medical School. Carillion was the main designer and contractor for the new build and Carillion Specialsit Services Ltd (CSS) was engaged as the Approved Inspector and Access Consultant as an integral member of the Design Team.

## THE DESIGN

The design of the new building incorporates innovative architectural features and an atrium that needed to be appropriately addressed in the fire strategy for the building. The contract also required that the building should comply with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA).

## THE SERVICE

Our role was as Approved Inspector and Access Consultant. Our experience of working in the healthcare sector allowed us to work closely with the Design Team to ensure that the need to maintain safe environments for patients in the event of an emergency was incorporated as an intrinsic element of the design from an early stage.

Using compliance reports, design development feedback and site reports throughout the construction process, we were able to ensure that our continuous compliance assessment process was relayed to the Design Team, minimising the risk of abortive work.

### CLIENT:

The Hospital Company

### PROJECT VALUE:

£135m

### SERVICES:

- Approved Inspector and Access Consultant

### TYPE:

New Build - Health

### START DATE:

October 2003

### COMPLETION DATE:

Due to complete in September 2006

### PROJECT PARTNERS:

Carillion – Designer & Contractor

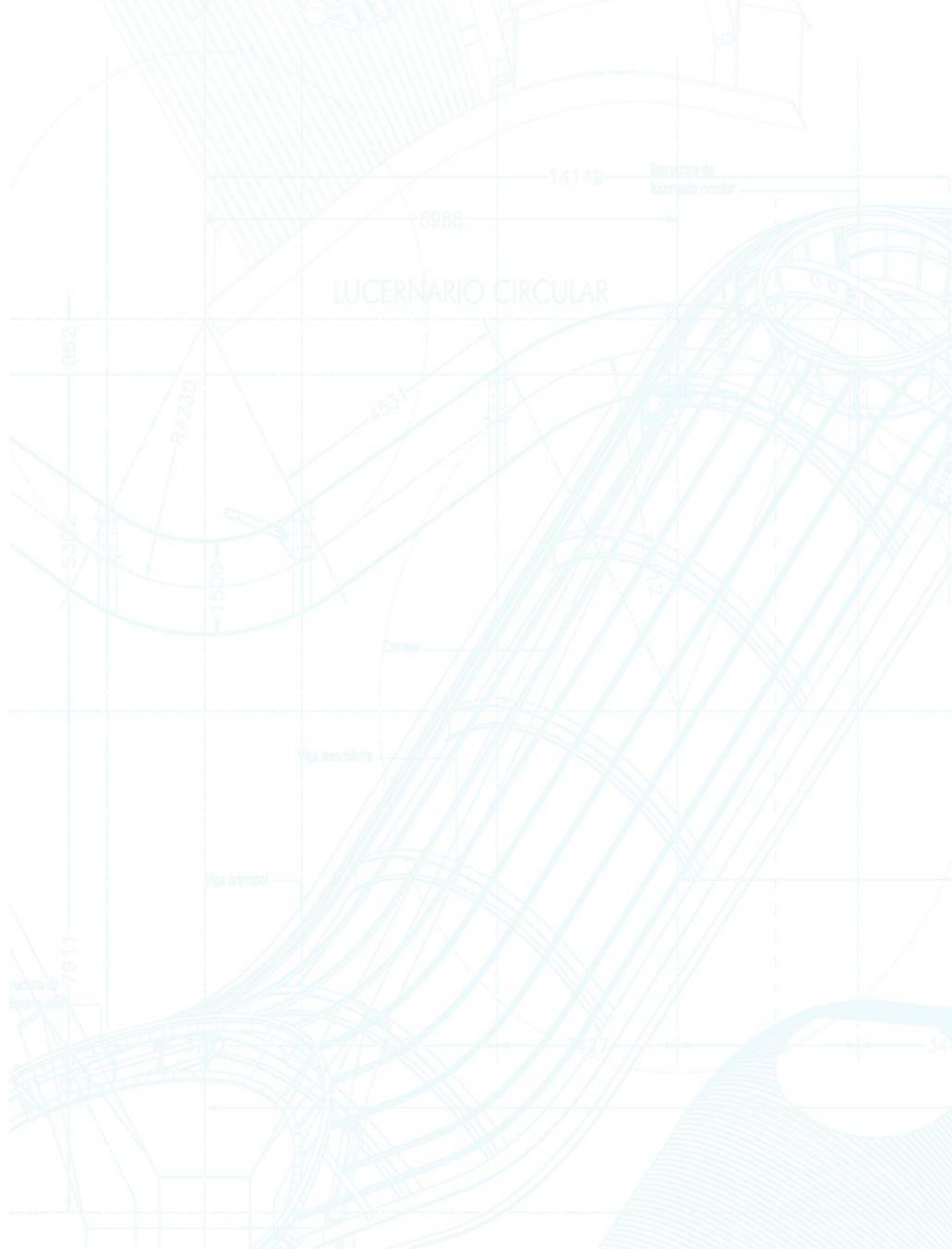
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As many of the physical requirements of DDA were addressed under Part M of the Building Regulations, we were able to remove the conflict often caused when the Access Consultant operates in isolation. We were able to provide a consistent and coherent approach to compliance with DDA and the Building Regulations.

## THE RESULT

With many years of experience working on hospitals in the public and private sector, we were able to bring a balanced understanding of the operational and design aspirations for the project. Our flexible and innovative approach to the implementation of statutory requirements allowed compliance with the Building Regulations to be achieved in an efficient and cost effective way, whilst supporting the design brief.

By adopting a proactive and positive approach to our roles as Approved Inspector and Access Consultant, we were involved in this project from the start of the design process, to reduce the risk of conflict between compliance and design.



## FURTHER DETAILS

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