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### Abingdon Old Gaol

#### Client

Cranbourne Homes Ltd

#### Location

Abingdon Old Gaol, Abingdon

#### Services Provided

Historic Buildings

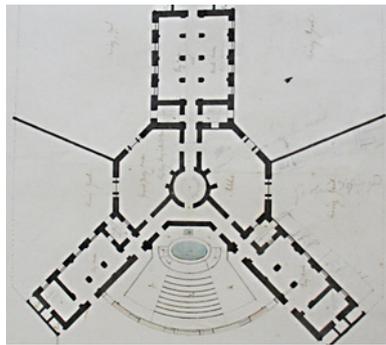
#### Date of Completion

Ongoing

#### Key Issues

Statement of Significance

Impact Assessment



The CgMs Historic Buildings Team assisted Cranbourne Homes Ltd in winning a unique and challenging bid set by the Vale of the White Horse District Council for the redevelopment of the Abingdon Old Gaol site. As well as the Grade II listed Old Gaol this complex historic site incorporates a group of unlisted but attractive late 19th century buildings and a Grade II listed former County Police Station.

A detailed Statement of Significance determined that the gaol was built between 1805 and 1818 and that at least some of the plans for the building were drawn by Sir Jeffry Wyattville. The building has been subject to extensive alteration since its original use, primarily as a result of its conversion into a sports and arts centre during the 1970s. Despite these changes the Old Gaol remains an important survival of a late Georgian prison and is also a significant landmark building in Abingdon.



CgMs also produced an Impact Assessment providing initial justification for the proposed demolition of a late 19th century extension to the former Police Station in order to allow vehicular access to the site. The assessment also explained the ways in which the proposed residential buildings within the grounds of the Old Gaol respect the setting of the listed buildings and 'enhance' the character and appearance of the conservation area.

The report specifically addressed issues raised during a period of pre-application consultation with the Local Authority and English Heritage.

CgMs will be involved in further work on this project, including building recording, once work on site has commenced.

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