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Lisle Lane

Client

Chaldean Ltd

Location

Ely

Services Provided

Historic Buildings

Date of Completion

Spring 2008

Key Issues

Heritage Impact Assessment

Supporting Statement for
Planning Application

This study related to a proposal for two retail units on a site close to the centre of historic Ely and within Ely Conservation Area. The critical conservation issue was the impact of the proposed development on the historic place and, in particular, on atmospheric views of the cathedral - a Grade I listed building that dominates this small fenland city.

The heritage impact assessment was founded on a thorough contextual analysis and the identification of heritage related design criteria. Design considerations included siting, scale, form, mass, materials and the levels of the proposed buildings. The impact assessment enabled CgMs to work with the architects, The Harris Partnership, to shape the design of the scheme and resolve the issues identified to the satisfaction of English Heritage and the local planning authority, East Cambridgeshire District Council.

The scheme was carefully shaped to create an attractive focal point that would enhance the conservation area and a particular facet of the final design was that the revised scheme both framed and enhanced key views of the cathedral. CgMs' role extended to production of a statement to support the successful planning application.



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