

Heritage
Our Experience







Change is part of every historic place. The question is: How to shape it?

We work at the point where heritage and development meet, helping clients navigate complexity, unlock opportunity and deliver change with confidence. Our role goes beyond safeguarding what exists; we help define what comes next, ensuring that heritage informs design rather than constrains it.

Too often, heritage is treated as a risk. We see it as an asset. Historic places bring character, identity and depth, qualities that, when properly understood, elevate schemes and create places people value. The challenge is not simply protection, but collaboration: combining innovation and design, traditional or contemporary, in ways that are ambitious, sensitive and commercially deliverable.

We provide clear, strategic advice grounded in rigorous analysis, from early feasibility through to planning and consent. Whether shaping design, strengthening planning cases or advocating at appeal, our focus is simple: to unlock the full potential of a site to deliver distinctive, enduring places.



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Our services





- Feasibility studies & options appraisals
- Heritage impact assessments
- Significance assessments
- Environmental impact assessments (built / cultural heritage)
- Heritage advice on energy efficiency and sustainability
- Non-designated Heritage Assets (NDHAs)
- Historic building recording
- Appeals: Written representations and expert witness
- Masterplans
- Conservation management planning
- Conservation area appraisals
- Enforcement support
- Historic landscapes & memorials
- Historic interiors
- Repairs
- Designations advice
- Condition surveys & quinquennial inspections
- Planning Performance Agreements (PPAs)

Categories





- Science & Technology
- Residential Development
- Strategic Land
- Renewable energy infrastructure
- Education
- Hospitality and Leisure
- Institutions and Culture
- Sustainability and Energy
- Setting Assessments
- Tall Buildings
- Signage
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Estates
- Paragraph 84 Buildings
- Householders
- Rural

Our experience



Gradel Quadrangle, Oxford

Conservation Area, Grade II Listed Building, Registered Park and Garden
Contemporary New Build



Trinity Chapel, Cambridge

Grade I Listed Building
Refurbishment and Energy Upgrade



Master Shipwrights House, Deptford

Grade II* Listed Building
Significance Assessment and Conservation
Management Plan



Hotel Felix, Cambridge

NDHA
Demolition and Rebuild

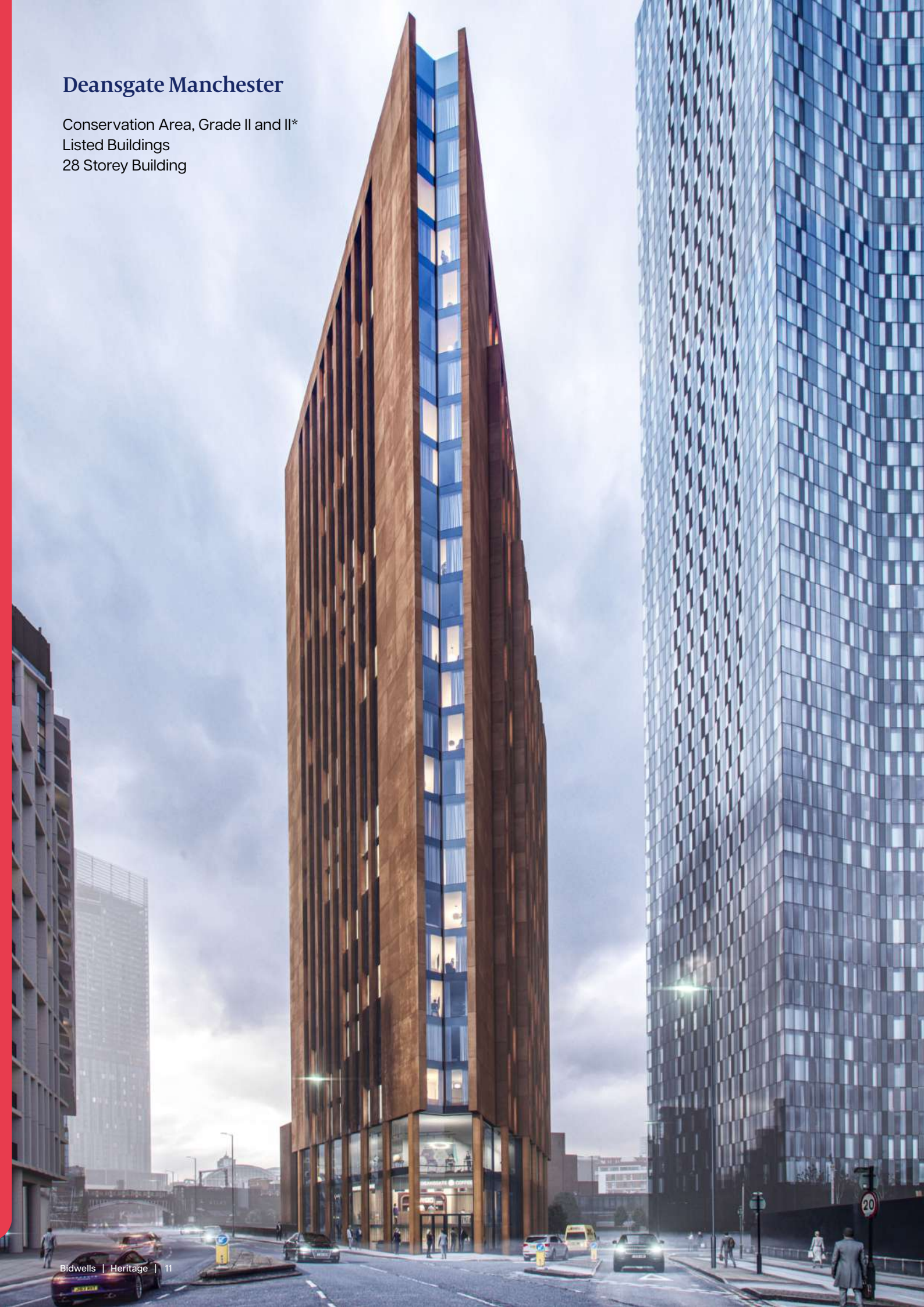
Annabels, Berkeley Square

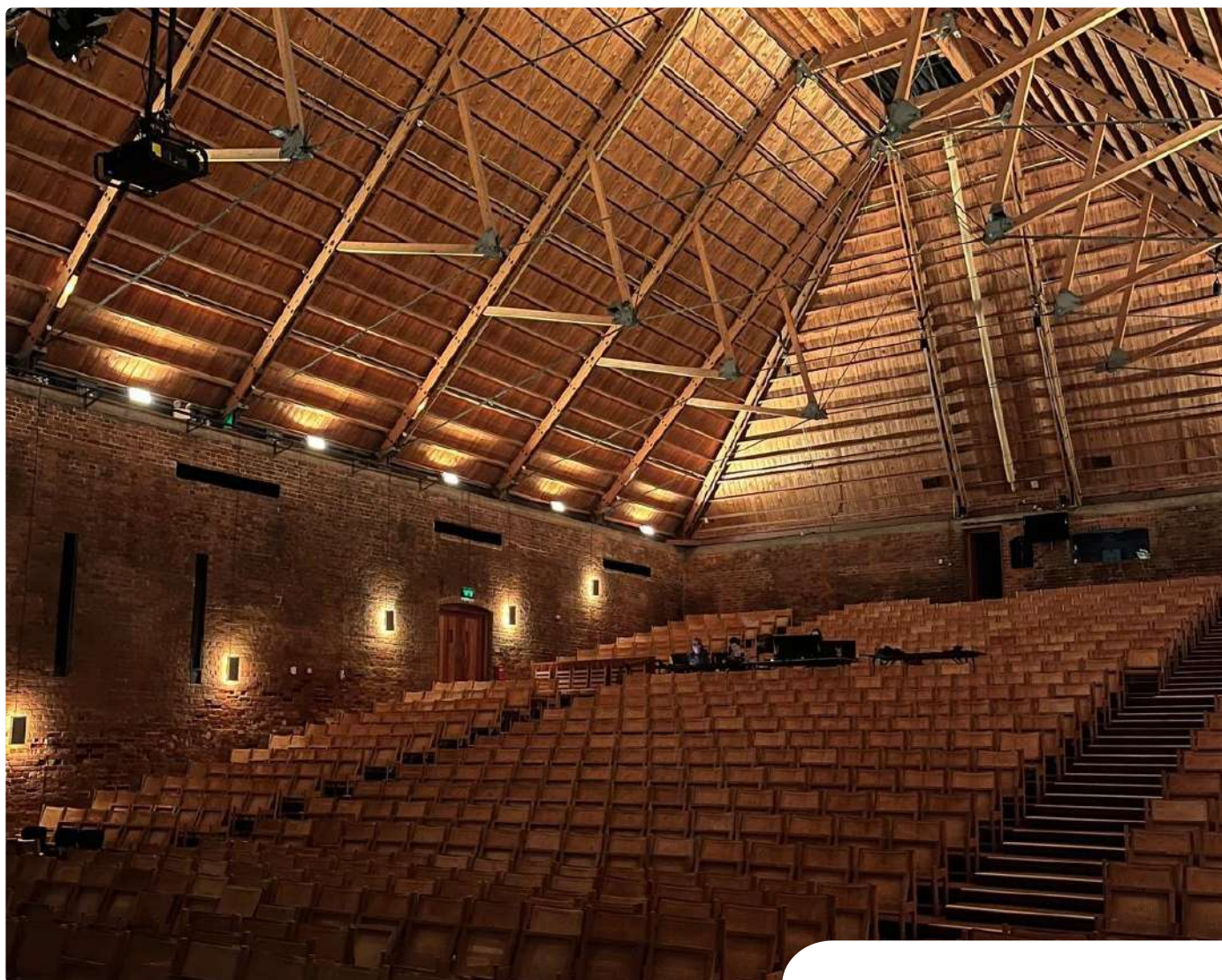
Grade I Listed Building
Refurbishment and Extension



Deansgate Manchester

Conservation Area, Grade II and II*
Listed Buildings
28 Storey Building





Britten Pears Arts (Snape Maltings), Aldeburgh

Conservation Area, Grade II and II* Listed Buildings
Refurbishment and Energy Upgrade

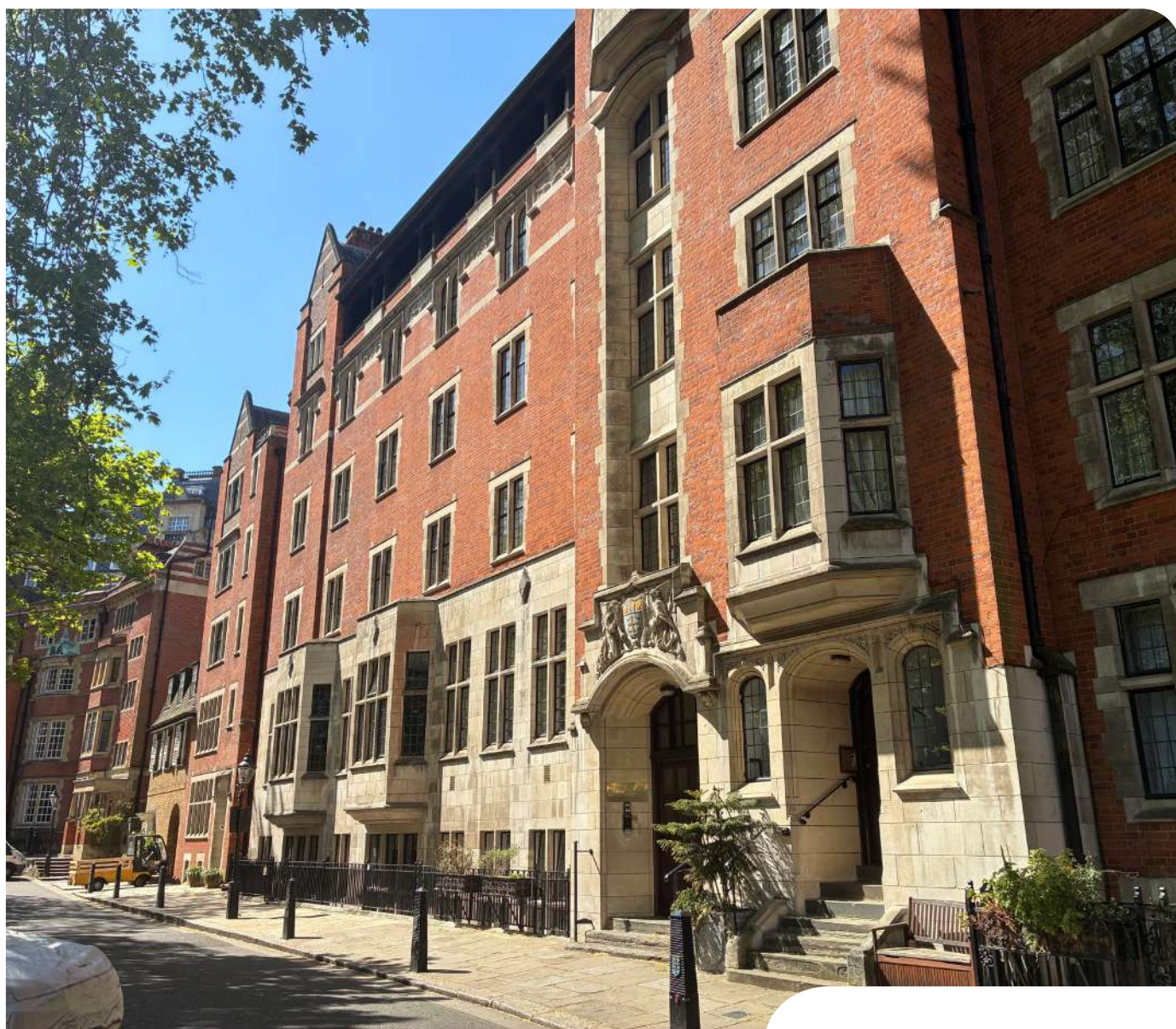
King's High School, Warwick

Scheduled Monument, Grade II and II* Listed
Buildings
Residential Redevelopment



Hereford square, Kensington

Grade II Listed Building, Conservation Area
Refurbishment and extension



Choir School, Westminster Abbey

World Heritage Site, Conservation Area, Grade II, II* and I Listed Buildings
Energy Upgrade



The Wigmore, Langham Hotel, London

Grade II Listed Building
Renovations and Accessible Access

Oxford Street, London

Conservation Area, Setting of Grade II* Listed Building
New Double Height Shop Front





Pembroke College, Oxford

Conservation Area, Grade I and II* Listed Buildings
Decarbonisation

200 new dwellings in Buckinghamshire

Conservation Area, Grade II Listed Buildings,
Scheduled Monument
Residential Development





Highgate School, Haringey

Conservation Area, Grade II Listed Building
Master Planning



Lio (Former Café De Paris), London

Conservation Area, Grade II Listed Building
Refurbishment and Reinstatement



Diorama, Regents Park, London

Conservation Area, Grade I listed building
Restoration and Adaptive Reuse

The Beehive Centre, Cambridge

Conservation Area, Grade II Listed Buildings
Commercial Redevelopment



Headington Campus, Oxford

Setting Grade II and II* Listed Buildings
New Campus



About us

Bidwells is one of the UK's leading property consultancies, advising clients on projects that shape places across the country. Our heritage consultants play a central role in that work, providing clear, practical advice on managing change within historic environments. Combining deep sector knowledge with a policy-led approach, we help clients navigate complexity, secure consent and move forward with confidence.



100+

new build projects supported by our expertise in historic buildings and conservation areas since 2022

2k+

historic assets researched, and significance assessed since 2022

c.15

estates have reduced their carbon footprint due to our work on retrofit projects since 2022

B Corp

Bidwells became a purpose-led Certified B Corporation in 2024, joining a global movement of businesses committed to using business as a force for good. B Corp Certification provides independent verification of our social and environmental performance, accountability and transparency, holding us to rigorous standards and a commitment to continual improvement.

Our B Corp status builds on more than 185 years of heritage and reflects a simple belief: how we do business matters as much as what we achieve. It means considering the interests of our people, clients, communities and the environment alongside financial performance in the decisions we make and the way we run our business.

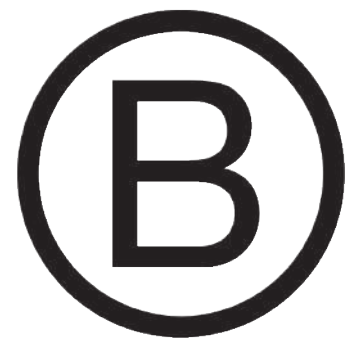
That commitment translates into action across Bidwells, from how we invest in and develop our people, to how we work with suppliers, support our communities, reduce our environmental impact and help our clients create more sustainable outcomes. In 2025, we donated more than £110,000 to charity partners and community interest groups, contributed 2,440 volunteering hours and reduced our carbon emissions by around 14% against our 2019 baseline as we continue our journey towards net zero.

We are part of a growing UK B Corp community demonstrating that commercial success and positive impact can go hand in hand. Our approach has also been recognised externally, including winning Sustainability Initiative of the Year at the 2025 Estates Gazette Awards.

But B Corp is not simply a badge or a moment in time. It is a commitment to keep raising the bar, through regular recertification, continual measurement of our impact, and transparency about where we are making progress and where there is more to do.

For our clients, people and partners, that provides something tangible: the confidence that our commitments are embedded in how we do business, independently assessed and backed by action.

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Project Management



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