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When it comes to renovating or building new, Eleanor is always on the side of history.

With environmental improvements to listed buildings and historic buildings in and out of conservation areas becoming increasingly more important, and with a legal requirement to be net zero by 2050, Eleanor is in her element.

She truly believes that historic buildings are an important part of our history and culture, as well as making beautiful places in which to live and work. One aspect of her job that really interests her is ensuring that the proposals she submits for planning absolutely reflect a building's history – research is key.

Eleanor is a big promoter of existing buildings, demonstrating that they are inherently sustainable and often capable of flexible adaptation. Like the team she works in, Eleanor is genuinely interested in the work she carries out.

Previously Chair of the London Group of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, she is now studying for her diploma in Sustainability and Adaptation in the Built Environment.

Key relevant project experience

Brighton Girls' School

Provision of heritage design and planning advice to secure consent for the refurbishment of the school site in the Montpelier and Clifton Hill Conservation Area. This included upgrading of two listed buildings, with energy performance improvements, increased community access and new school facilities.

The Diorama, Regent's Park

Extensive historical research to inform the conversion of the last Diorama building in the world to provide new office space and restore two townhouses. The process included ongoing liaison with the councils' conservation officers, Historic England and the local conservation area advisory committee to ensure support for the final proposals.

Canonbury Place, Islington

Heritage Statement to accompany full planning and listed building consent applications for the conversion of this grade II listed building back to residential use. The proposals included essential repairs and sensitive refurbishment of this beautiful building, previously the office of Sir Basil Spence.