

PROJECT DATA SHEET

Public and Research Facilities:

- Public Entrance Hall for interactive displays, exhibits from the collections and public engagement.
- Opening up views into Lambeth Palace Garden
- Tower Room & Roof Terrace. Flexible space to accommodate lectures for up to 70 people and a range of other events, plus periodic public opening.
- Reading room with 22 reader spaces and small group working area.
- Small group and seminar teaching rooms.

Conservation Studio:

- State-of-the-art conservation studio for paper, parchment and bound materials.
- Capable of supporting up to 8 full-time conservators.

Office Accommodation:

- Office space for up to 30 staff.

Fabric:

- Internal floor area: 5,400 sqm.
- 3-4 storey wings with a central tower rising to 9 storeys.
- 300,000 bricks.
- Concrete frame to achieve high airtightness.
- 3,800 cubic meters of concrete, (that's around 9,500 tonnes and is nearly 640 truckloads).

Linear metres of shelving:

- Over 20,000 linear metres of shelving.
- Manuscripts, early printed and modern books, files, maps, plans and deeds.
- Significant growth space for the collections.
- Controlled temperature and humidity with fire suppression.

Sustainability and Performance Credentials:

- BREEAM Excellent rating.
- PD 5454 compliant.
- Highly insulated low energy archive stores.
- Enhanced local ecology with a new and enlarged pond and wetland glade.
- On-site renewable energy will be provided through photovoltaic panels that will produce almost half of the electricity that the building uses.

To accommodate collections from existing stores at:

- 13 locations within Grade I listed Lambeth Palace, including the 15th Century Morton's Tower;
- Church of England Record Centre warehouse site in Bermondsey;
- Church Care Library.

Preparing to move the library and archive:

- As part of the move, around 35,000 items needed to be boxed at Lambeth Palace Library and CERC.
- Work to consolidate disparate collections and repackage many maps into conservation grade portfolios has also been undertaken.



Client

Church Commissioners for England

Design Team and Contractor

Main Contractor	Knight Harwood
Architect	Wright & Wright Architects
Project Manager	Stuart A Johnson Consulting
Landscape Architect	Dan Pearson Studio
Structural Engineers	Price & Myers
M&E Engineers	Max Fordham
Acoustics and Breeam	Max Fordham
Cost Consultants	Fanshawe
Fire Safety Consultant	Menzies Partners
CDM Consultant	Stroma
Planning Consultant	DP9
Façade Engineering	Thornton Tomasetti

Dates

- Works started on site in April 2018 and were completed in July 2020
- A period of acclimatisation and phased transfer of the collections followed, completing in May 2021
- The Library opened to Readers in August 2021

Construction Cost

- £23.5million