

35 CALTHORPE ROAD

CLIENT:	CALTHORPE ESTATES
SECTOR:	COMMERCIAL
LOCATION:	BIRMINGHAM
VALUE:	£1.2M
DATE:	2007-2009



This scheme involved the refurbishment and extension of a prestigious Grade II* listed Georgian property in the heart of the commercial district of Edgbaston.

The building required extensive modernisation to bring it up to a suitable standard for a modern office, while at the same time minimising disturbance to the original features. English Heritage were heavily involved in all aspects of the scheme and careful thought had to be given to ways of achieving, for example, adequate capacities in existing floors without their wholesale replacement.

The accommodation of modern plant and ventilation systems also presented challenges in terms of structural loading and providing routes for ducting etc, again without disturbing areas of historic significance.

Following meetings with client and design team to understand the requirements of the project, we undertook a series of site visits and surveys to confirm relevant details of the existing structure, underground drainage systems etc.

We then produced a full package of drawings and specifications to allow tenders to be obtained. We are currently awaiting the appointment of a contractor, following which we will undertake regular site visits to resolve any issues arising and ensure structural aspects go smoothly.

A challenging project that has required high levels of engineering expertise and ingenuity to overcome issues associated with an interesting historic listed building.