



Brooklands, Cambridge

RPA were appointed following a competitive selection to work with architects Van Heyningen and Haward to design services for this contemporary extension to the grade II listed Brooklands House and separate stable block.

The brief was to provide a facility to house the English Heritage regional headquarters which would bring together personnel from several sites. It would also be the public face of English Heritage in the region and should be an example of current best practice.

The extensions are designed to be very simple in form and do not compete with the architecture of the original buildings. Services likewise are elegant and discreet with underfloor heating, integrated power and IT distribution and a combination of direct and indirect lighting.

Part of our brief was to provide detailed energy analysis looking at the response of the buildings in both winter and summer situations. We also assessed a number of 'green' options for heating cooling and power generation.

