



OXFORD ARCHITECTS

Office Profile



Understanding Offices

As an Architectural Practice that has operated for 60 years, Oxford Architects has a significant track record in producing high quality office accommodation encompassing new buildings, refurbishments and renovation projects, from inception to completion.

Working nationally, we are a successful practice in both office design and delivery demonstrating projects all across the UK.

Working with leading experts in design standards, such as the BCO and BREEAM, we are always looking to the latest requirements and best practice to ensure our clients receive the best advice and design solutions to achieve their development brief.

We understand the key differences required in designing and constructing speculative developments, bespoke offices or corporate headquarters buildings.

Through a detailed briefing process, we seek to gain a deep understanding of your company, its people and how they work best in order to create a workplace strategy unique to your business.

We recognise the key drivers in creating outstanding office environments are:-

- Showcasing your business culture image, strength and direction
- Providing an office atmosphere that excites and motivates your staff
- Having a wow factor workplace to invite clients to



Design Principles



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Before starting design, we meet and take a brief to understand our client and their business inside out.

Actions may include: -

- Understanding the key stakeholders to work with throughout the design
- Surveying existing site or buildings
- Carrying out workplace/process analysis
- Establishing your approach to open plan, agile and flexible working
- Checking health and safety compliance
- Reflecting your approach to sustainability within the design
- Understanding clients aspirations and desires

Design approach will vary from project to project but will tend to focus on establishing a design layout that is well thought out and effective.

Early in the design process, we break the brief down into its composite parts establishing zones that reflect needs such as cellular and open plan offices, meeting and training rooms, general/support areas such as reception area, filing/ storage areas, print areas, kitchenettes, comms rooms and finally, number and style of break-out spaces. The character of break-out spaces can vary enormously and can be softer 'Lounge-like' areas or, where appropriate, creative areas or 'Agile' working areas for solo, team or collaborative approaches.

When analysing an office floor plan, it is important to consider how the space will be used in terms of space standards and occupancy levels. Recently there has been a move to providing higher quality flexible space reflecting developing working methods and hot-desking on laptops, tablets and phones. Early engagement with a furniture supplier can inform the range of workspace available from touchdown and informal meeting to collaborative working desks, beam desks and pods. In this way, staff occupy the space most suited to the task they are carrying out.



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1. St Augustine's Courtyard, University of Bristol 2. Knightstone Housing, Weston-Super-Mare 3. Shearwater House, Richmond, Surrey

New Build



Oxford Architects has developed a thorough understanding of office design and user requirements through our long term involvement in this sector. From small scale B1 starter units, to bespoke multi-floor open plan corporate headquarters and large scale business parks, we have developed an in-depth knowledge of the technologies and design processes required to deliver the appropriate office solution and environment that responds to the clients aspirations and budget.

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We recognise that today more than ever, businesses need to remain flexible. Our designers will help you by incorporating your future growth and the changing needs of your business into your space plan.

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1. European Space Agency ECSAT Building, Harwell, Oxfordshire 2. NSF International HQ, Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire 3. Computer Centre, STFC, Daresbury
4. One Cathedral Square, University of Bristol 5. Senate House, University of Bristol 6. R75 Entrance Building, RAL, Harwell, Oxfordshire

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5. R105, 106, RAL, Harwell, Oxfordshire
6. Gerber Juice Company, Bridgwater, Somerset
7. Fugro Headquarters Building, Oxfordshire

Refurbishment

Existing office buildings by virtue of their age were constructed to different design, energy and regulatory standards. In situations where regular upgrading has not been undertaken, the buildings, their environment and appearance can become substandard and tired – making them difficult to let or providing unattractive working environments. Oxford Architects has the expertise to regenerate and upgrade these premises to deliver a more contemporary environment for today’s clients and staff, helping to provide a more appropriate and energy efficient workspace.

Façade upgrades in particular provide a massive improvement in thermal efficiency, reduced solar gain and glare control and improve the image of the building breathing new life back into it.



Where a current business remains in the building, we recognise the need to understand the way the existing business operates and intends to move towards operating in the future. That way, we can provide you with the best solution for your particular needs. This will also inform the phasing of the upgrade and the communication with key staff as the refurbishment progresses.

This expertise of re-providing office space within existing buildings also extends to converting buildings from other Use



Classes, including converting historic listed buildings to office accommodation. These refurbishments and conversions come with their own particular set of challenges including:-

- Planning and Listed Building issues
- Building Regulation requirements
- Acoustic, fire, structural performance and data requirements

1. Building R1, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Harwell 2. Innovations Centre, University of Bristol 3. One Cathedral Square, University of Bristol

4. 1 Carey Lane, London EC2 5. Unit DY, ScienceCreates, Bristol 6. Knightstone Housing Association HQ, Weston-Super-Mare 7. Beacon House, University of Bristol 8. Great George Street, University of Bristol 9. Uber Agency, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1

Space Planning

We don't just provide the building envelope and architectural elements of a building, we are also ideally equipped to complete the turnkey interior design, fit out and space planning so that you simply pick up the keys and move in.

Space planning can have a huge impact on the office environment - it has the ability to transform a tight, busy office into a vibrant workplace. We work with you to look at every aspect of your business - from growth plans and the needs of your business, to legal requirements and even IT. Only with smart planning can you ensure that your business has the right space to work in for years to come.

Space planning helps you make the most out of your workplace. Whether you wish to simply create a more comfortable working environment, accommodate more staff or increase productivity we can devise a re-configuration plan to help you optimise your workspace.

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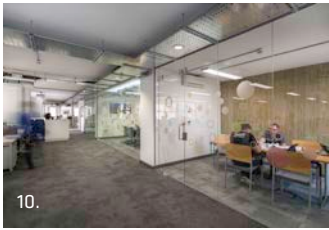
Interior Design & Fit Out

Our experienced designers have the skills and knowledge to review office space and generate a fresh, new look in both exciting and cost effective ways. We have experience and knowledge in both Category A and Category B fit outs.

Where we are appointed to carry out interior design services, we can explore how the use of space, light, colour and aspect can improve your working environment, and staff morale.

In order to assist the client in understanding the design, we create concept drawings, 3D visualisations and detailed layout drawings.

By providing detailed creative visualisations throughout the process, you can see exactly how your new space will look and feel once the work is completed.



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