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| Barn Conversion to Office HQ
| O & H Hampton

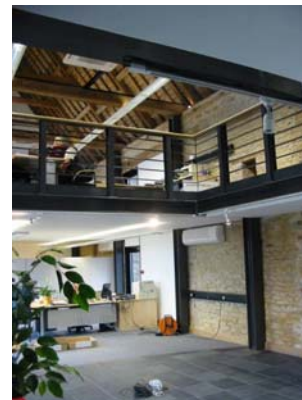
Brief

The Client approached the practice to convert the building into the headquarters of their company. The works would give the barn a new lease of life, protecting, enhancing and defining the original structure and providing new additions with a similar strength of character.

Solution

The starting point for the design was the interior of the existing barn. The design sought to leave the fabric of the interior largely untouched. The choice of artificial slate to replace the existing felt roof covering was made so that no strengthening to the roof structure was required – the original roof structure, as built, remained intact. A new concrete first floor was inserted into the barn space independently supported on exposed steel columns. The floor slab is separated from the existing stone walls by a gap of 80mm. At the entrance the slab has been omitted to give a full height space and a view of the roof structure. The offices are generally open plan so that the internal space is continuous and the whole of the roof structure exposed. A staircase and toilets have been accommodated in a new 2 storey 'pod' at the rear, separated from the main barn structure by glazed panels, the objective being only to lightly touch the existing barn structure clearly defining new and old. The pod is expressed as separate structure and dealt with in a contemporary way by cladding it in pre-patinated zinc sheet – a natural material in sympathy but contrasting with the rough stonework of the original structure.

There is provision to add two further pods for meeting rooms, and possibly an entrance pod at a later date.



Project details

Client: O&H Hampton Limited
Address: London Road, Peterborough
Completion: October 2001
Project Cost: £250,000.00

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