

MONTAGU EVANS ADVISES IN... HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT AND TOWNSCAPE

MONTAGU EVANS IS THE MARKET-LEADING TEAM IN THE UK ADVISING ON THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT AND TOWNSCAPE. OUR SPECIALISTS CONSIST OF EXPERTS IN HERITAGE, PLANNING, URBAN DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURAL MATTERS, ACTING FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPERS, LANDOWNERS, PUBLIC SECTOR BODIES AND REGISTERED PROVIDERS ACROSS ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND.

Our breadth and depth of knowledge allows us to advise private and public sector clients on the critical constraints and opportunities of development on the built environment. We specialise in high profile and complex projects that require experience to deliver, particularly those affecting sensitive heritage contexts. Our team understands how those places work, how they can be adapted, and how to achieve a sustainable future.

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WHY MONTAGU EVANS?



MONTAGU EVANS IS A PARTNERSHIP WITH LEADING EXPERTS IN HERITAGE AND TOWNSCAPE MATTERS, ENSURING YOU ARE SUPPORTED AT EACH STAGE OF THE PROJECT WITH IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE AND INSIGHT.



WE HAVE THE LARGEST, INDUSTRY-LEADING TEAM OF HERITAGE EXPERTS IN THE UK, WHICH INCLUDES THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF LISTING AT HISTORIC ENGLAND.



WE UNDERSTAND WHAT CONSTITUTES GOOD DESIGN AND THE WAY IN WHICH DEVELOPMENT SHOULD RELATE AND RESPOND TO LOCAL CONTEXT AND SENSITIVE HERITAGE ISSUES.



WE ARE TOWN PLANNING EXPERTS SO UNDERSTAND THE POLICY CONTEXT FOR DECISIONS AND ADVISE ON PLANNING STRATEGY.



WE HAVE AN EXTENSIVE TEAM WITH UNRIVALLED KNOWLEDGE AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE SO OUR ADVICE IS INFORMED BY SCHOLARLY RESEARCH TO INFORM DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICERS.



WE SPECIALISE IN ADVISING ON COMPLEX PROJECTS, ESPECIALLY WHERE THERE ARE KEY STAGES OF DELIVERY THAT NEED TO BE AGREED WITH MULTIPLE STAKEHOLDERS.



WE WORK CLOSELY WITH OUR CLIENTS AND THE WIDER PROJECT TEAM, AS PART OF A COLLABORATIVE DESIGN PROCESS TO DELIVER SCHEME OBJECTIVES.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS

TALL BUILDING CONSULTANCY

HERITAGE, TOWNSCAPE AND VISUAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (HTVIA)

URBAN DESIGN REVIEW

LISTING CASES

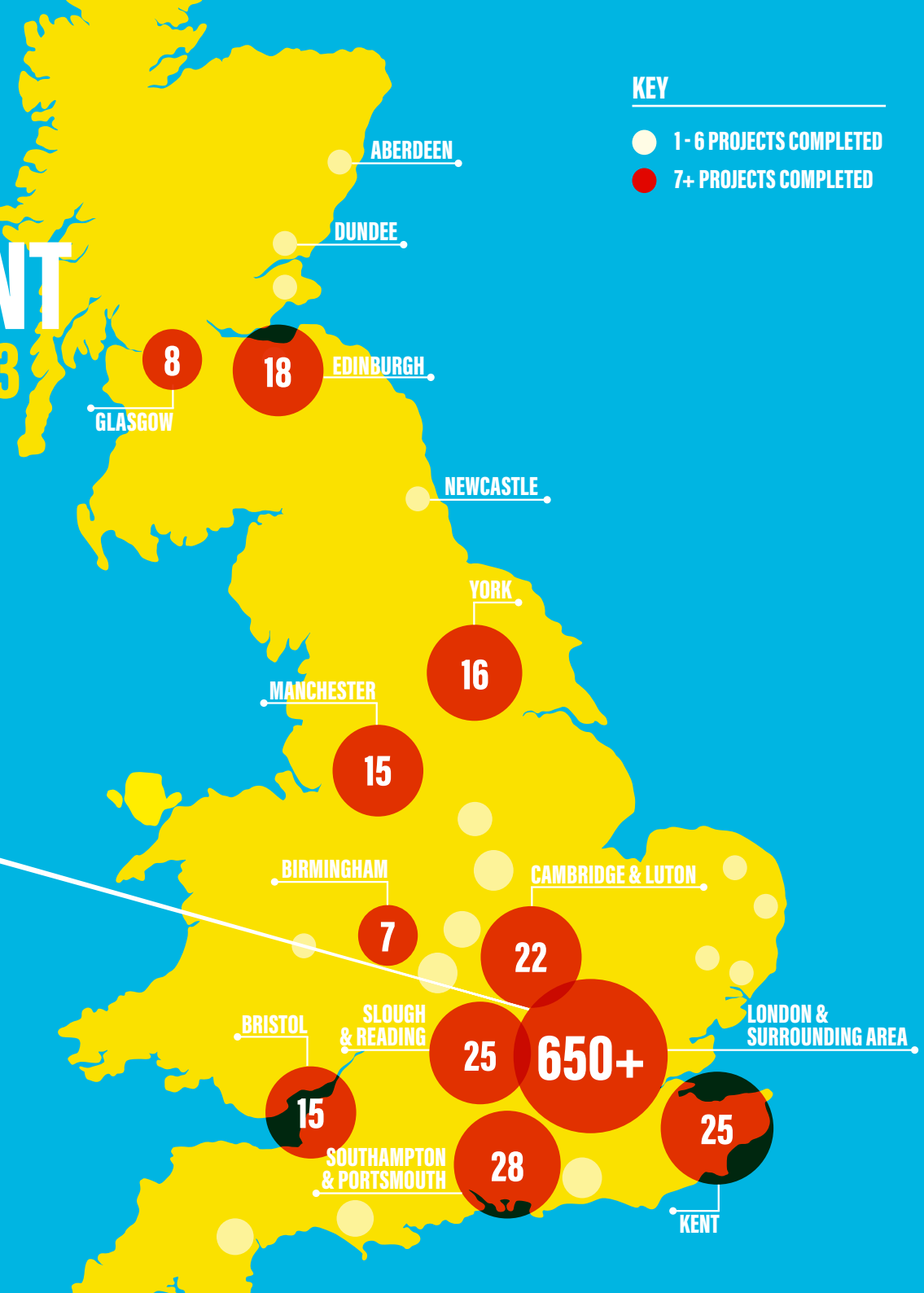
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HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

OVER 800+ PROJECTS... 2019 - 2023

KEY

- 1 - 6 PROJECTS COMPLETED
- 7+ PROJECTS COMPLETED



MONTAGU EVANS HELPING CLIENTS DELIVER...



EXTENDING A GRADE I LISTED MUSEUM

LB CAMDEN

Montagu Evans was appointed by the Trustees of the British Museum to advise on a major new extension of the Grade I listed museum. The new development, located at the rear of their Bloomsbury site, comprised a purpose-built object handling and conservation studio, servicing facilities and exhibition space, totalling 17,000 sqm.

We worked closely with the Deputy Director and Director to achieve consents for the world Conservation and Exhibition Centre. We managed the complex planning application process over two years through several design iterations. Montagu Evans also provided specialist heritage and townscape planning advice, managing the planning and listed building application process. We continue to advise the British Museum on other projects.

PLANNING, HERITAGE, TOWNSCAPE AND VISUAL



THE CENTREPIECE OF THE NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM

YORK

Montagu Evans was instructed by the National Railway Museum (part of the Science Museum Group) apart of Vision 2025 - the plan to transform its estate in York into a world-class institution embedded within York's local community.

Montagu Evans worked with Feilden Fowles and contributed to design development and pre-application consultation with City of York Council, Historic England and the York Civic Trust. The design creates a new entrance and will be the centrepiece of the National Railway Museum.

It will have a familiar form, redolent of 19th century industrial structures and will offer an intriguing marker drawing people into the site.

HERITAGE, TOWNSCAPE AND VISUAL



SENSITIVE RE-USE AND CONSERVATION PENICUIK ESTATE

MIDLOTHIAN, SCOTLAND

Montagu Evans, in conjunction with SuHuHa Architects and GrossMax Landscape Architects, is supporting the Penicuik Estate in establishing the UK's first 'landscape hotel' where the 260-year-old former stables will be carefully adapted and extended to form the hub of the hotel.

Accommodation will be provided in the hub and also in redundant estate buildings, and new custom-built 'landscape rooms' within the nearby woodland. Many of the buildings on the estate are listed and a designated Inventory Garden & Designed Landscape surrounds the old stable complex. Montagu Evans is providing planning and specialist heritage advice, including a Statement of Significance and several Heritage Statements, for this complex and sensitive scheme.

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UNRIVALLED EXPERIENCE IN LISTING CASES

ABERDEEN

Aberdeen City Council has a large estate of public housing and has been reviewing how best to upgrade them to meet sustainability targets. In 2021, Historic Environment Scotland included eight of the Council's Brutalist towerblocks on the statutory list at Category A. In total, the blocks contain some 840 individual flats. In view of the impact of listing and the negative consequences for the planned sustainability improvements, the Council appointed Montagu Evans to challenge the scope.

We led an appeal based on a close analysis of relevant technical criteria. Reporters appointed by the Scottish Ministers heard the appeal. The result was the de-listing of three of the blocks and the exclusion of all of the interior areas from the scope of the remaining listings. This is an unprecedented outcome for a listing appeal in Scotland.

LISTING



LANDSCAPE-LED PROJECT FROM A 25 YEAR MASTERPLAN

LB CAMDEN

The Friends of Highgate Cemetery Trust instructed Montagu Evans as their planning and historic environment adviser for the 25 year masterplan for the cemetery, following design competitions to appoint landscape specialist Gustafson Porter Bowman and Hopkins Architects.

The landscape masterplan proposed new planting, drainage works and improvements to paths to improve access. The listed buildings and mausolea will be restored. Architectural works seek to improve the facilities for visitors, grave owners volunteers and staff.

We are advising on the planning and heritage strategy, including the approach to securing consent for development in the MOL.

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BRINGING A GRADE II* LISTED THEATRE BACK TO LIFE

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

Montagu Evans has provided planning and heritage advice on many of the high profile theatres in the West End. For the Victoria Palace Theatre, in the heart of central London, our experts were able to secure listed building consent and planning permission for the substantial demolition of the existing stage house, which formed part of the Grade II* Listed Building, to accommodate a larger stage and rehearsal facilities.

The proposals allowed the theatre to be adapted to a stage specific in-coming production from Broadway, and was able to ensure significant long term improvements to the theatre's ability to stage the transfer of large musical productions and helping to secure its cultural future.

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REDEVELOPMENT DELIVERING OVER 2,200 HOMES

LONDON BOROUGH OF WANDSWORTH

This scheme was for the redevelopment of the 32-acre Winstanley and York Road estates located adjacent to Clapham Junction Station, which delivers more than 2,200 homes, built around a redesigned park.

Montagu Evans provided consultancy services throughout the planning process, including development of the masterplan and pre-application discussions with the London Borough of Wandsworth, Greater London Authority and an independent design review panel.

We also assisted with the preparation of a Built Heritage, Townscape and Visual Impact Assessment, as part of the wider Environmental Statement and successfully avoided the listing of a 1960s building on the estate.

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CREATING COLECHURCH HOUSE, LONDON BRIDGE

LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

This scheme provided 48,180 sq m (518,588 sqft) of office space along with new public space at ground floor and home for the Southwark Playhouse theatre.

Montagu Evans offered particular advice in relation to how this major redevelopment interacts with a range of sensitive land receptors, including views of St Paul's from Parliament Hill, local views of Southwark Cathedral, and from the Tower of London World Heritage Site.

The outcome was first-rate sustainable architecture that will greatly benefit the local and wider community by providing a front door for those arriving to London from the adjacent station.

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DELIVERING 1,700 NEW HOMES

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM

The outline application for the redevelopment of 'Block C' at Westfield London went beyond the parameters established by the 2014 permission. Montagu Evans assisted the client in achieving an uplift in the scale and density of the proposed buildings to deliver 1,700 homes, including a significant affordable provision. The scheme also includes new flexible commercial space with affordable rents along with community floorspace, and a new 1.5 acre public park.

Montagu Evans provided planning, heritage and townscape advice throughout the project, engaging with key stakeholders. We specifically provided input and development of the tall buildings narrative, balancing the need for increased density whilst improving the visual amenity and urban design function of the scheme relative to the extant consent.

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REDEVELOPMENT OF SMITHFIELD MARKET, BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

Montagu Evans provided heritage and townscape advice on the regeneration proposals at Smithfield Market. The £1.9 billion scheme comprises the redevelopment of the 17ha site, the largest in the city, to the south of the Grade II* listed St Martin's church.

Working alongside the project masterplanners, the scheme has evolved through consultation with conservation and design officers at the City Council and Historic England. The final scheme will celebrate the archaeological remains located beneath the site, comprising a manor house and moat that represent 'The Ancient Seat of the Lord of Birmingham.'

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FIRST BUILD TO RENT SCHEME IN BRIGHTON

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

Montagu Evans provided heritage, townscape and visual consultancy services throughout the pre-application process, including with the Principal Conservation Officer for the City Council and their external Design Review Panel, conducted by Design South East. At the time of consent, the building was the fourth tallest in the city and the first Build to Rent scheme to secure approval in Brighton.

This project received consent for 208 homes alongside 35,197 sq ft of commercial space.

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BLAVATNIK SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT, OXFORD

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

Montagu Evans provided heritage and planning consultancy for the particularly sensitive site bordered by four separate conservation areas and within the setting of the Grade II* listed University Press, the Grade I listed Radcliffe Observatory, as well as the Grade II listed former St Paul's Church. The building design was rigorously tested against several policies bespoke to Oxford City Council including the Carfax Heights and Strategic View Cones.

The project achieved consent for the Blavatnik School of Government, the first in Europe to teach the practice of government and leadership, and the first in the world to provide this within a global context.

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