

HOTEL AND LEISURE

CURRENT + RECENT EXPERIENCE

Welcome to BrightSpace Architects

We combine design quality and commercial acumen with an emphasis on delivery to create places and spaces that enhance people's lives. Our team works across all stages of the design, planning and construction process collaborating with clients, communities and end-users to deliver uplifting residential, mixed-use, education, leisure and commercial projects.

Whether it's a one-off home or a major urban regeneration scheme, our talented designers bring the same creativity, skill and passion to each and every project. We work from our purpose-built studio on the Dorset and Hampshire border but our projects take us all around the country.



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ABOUT US

BrightSpace Architects is an RIBA Chartered Practice founded in 2010 by Eric Sey, Martin Dobbs, Mark Amey and Dave Evans.

United by a shared belief that good design can elevate everyday places, we set up a creative and collaborative studio that puts people at the heart of our practice and approach.

Our talented team has grown to over 20 architects, designers, technologists and support staff working out of a purpose-built studio in Fordingbridge, Hampshire on the edge of the New Forest National Park that borders Dorset and Wiltshire.

We work on residential, mixed-use, education, leisure and commercial projects.

Our ability to learn from research across sectors and projects, combined with an expansive knowledge of building typologies, construction techniques and procurement processes, means we add value at every stage for all our clients.

We are pleased to say that our clients return to us, again and again, to help them design and deliver innovative yet functional and affordable buildings that exceed their expectations.



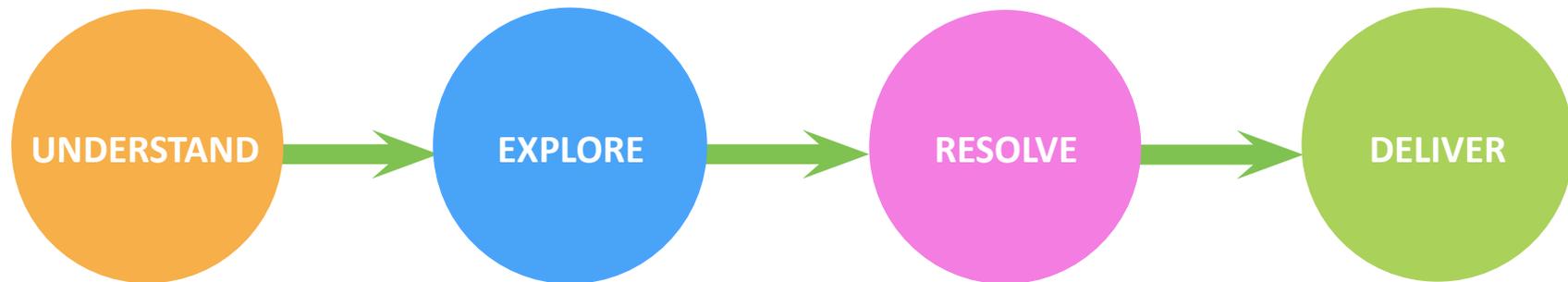
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OUR APPROACH



analyse
the brief, the site and project drivers

listen
to the client, end users and stakeholders

learn
from previous projects and team experience

create
ideas, concepts and options

challenge
options, preconceptions and the brief

test
potential solutions

evolve
solutions in concept and detail

present
evaluate and discuss

agree
the way forward

manage
the process and expectations

control
the programme and project output

fulfill
the project brief and client aspirations

THE DIRECTORS



Eric Sey

Director

Eric, Director and Chartered Architect, has a proven track record in the end-to-end design and delivery of developments, for both public, private and public/private partnerships.

He has been instrumental in the realisation of a number of major regeneration initiatives that have benefitted from his experience in land promotion, negotiation and consultation throughout the planning process, and an understanding of the commercial imperatives.

His primary focus is the realisation of mixed-use urban developments, driven by his passion for urban design, regeneration and placemaking.



Martin Dobbs

Director

Martin is a Chartered Architectural Technologist and Building Engineer with over 30 years' experience designing, detailing and delivering buildings in a variety of sectors.

With a passion for producing high quality, well detailed buildings, Martin enjoys working closely with contractors from early design stages through to completion on site, helping to ensure delivery is within budget and on programme.

His expertise includes all aspects of residential (from bespoke one-off homes to strategic masterplanning), historic and listed buildings, hotels, commercial and education projects.



Mark Amey

Director

Mark is a Chartered Architect with over 15 years' in the profession. He has a wide range of experience in the commercial, mixed-use, residential and education sectors, with special expertise in designing and delivering hotel and leisure projects.

Mark has been responsible for designing and delivering a wide variety of projects across the UK – ranging from Madeira Road Student Accommodation in Bournemouth to multiple schemes for BLOC Hotels across London and Birmingham. He has a passion for producing high quality, well detailed buildings and enjoys working closely with clients and contractors to ensure efficient delivery.

OUR TEAM





**ATMOSPHERE, COMFORT AND ENJOYMENT ARE THE
ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS WHEN IT COMES TO CREATING
A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE.**

HOTEL & LEISURE

We've designed and delivered plenty of hospitality and leisure projects including large branded urban hotels, one-off boutique lodgings, sports halls, community buildings, sports complexes, independent cinemas and public houses.

Working across a range of sites with significant constraints and challenges, we've come up with solutions that deliver on cost and operational efficiency for operators while always putting the guest and visitor experience first. The user's journey, from the moment they arrive until they step back out into the world, is always a priority.

CHURCH CROOKHAM

LOCATION

Fleet, Hampshire

CLIENT

Church Crookham Parish Council

VALUE

£1.1m

RIBA STAGES

0-7

STATUS

Completed

PROJECT LEADER

Mark Amey

BrightSpace Architects were commissioned to design a new, multi-use community building on the former Queen Elizabeth II Barracks at Church Crookham in Fleet.

The new contemporary building provides flexible accommodation for the local community and Parish Council including a 120 seat hall, a nursery for 30 children and Parish Office.

The design concept provides the main building functions in three simple elements, the most dramatic of which is the double height hall with north-facing skylights. Connecting these elements is the communal 'heart' of the building containing offices, reception, lobby areas, kitchen and wc's, all located within a single storey link.





FORDINGBRIDGE CINEMA

LOCATION

Fordingbridge, Hampshire

CLIENT

Private

VALUE

RIBA STAGES

0-7

STATUS

Completed

PROJECT LEADER

Arron Emmanuel

The Regal Cinema was built as a classical Art Deco building in our home town of Fordingbridge, Hampshire and since its closure in 1965, has been sorely missed by the local community.

The newly refurbished cinema provides a truly unique cinematic experience, featuring a bespoke bar and lounge area, along with a deluxe 30 seat auditorium accessed by the original foyer entrance.

After opening its doors to the public in June 2017, the Regal Cinema shows a variety of classic and modern films run by local volunteers from Hampshire and we can't wait to host the next BrightSpace social at the venue.





BLOC HOTEL - GATWICK PHASE I

LOCATION

Gatwick, London

CLIENT

BLOC Hotels

VALUE

RIBA STAGES

4-7

STATUS

Completed

PROJECT LEADER

Mark Amey

BrightSpace Architects were appointed by Bloc Hotels to carry out the client side "technical/ design advisor" role during the 10 month construction period for an exciting project located at Gatwick Airport.

The scheme consists of the conversion of the 5 storey Spectator House office building to provide a new 245 room hotel. With a stunning location, directly over the South Terminal, the entrance to the hotel sits directly on the main airport concourse, adjacent to the departure gates.

The project was technically demanding, bringing issues of security, acoustic performance, supplier and sub-contractor review and quality monitoring.



BLOC HOTEL - GATWICK PHASE II

LOCATION

Gatwick, London

CLIENT

BLOC Hotels

VALUE

RIBA STAGES

4-7

STATUS

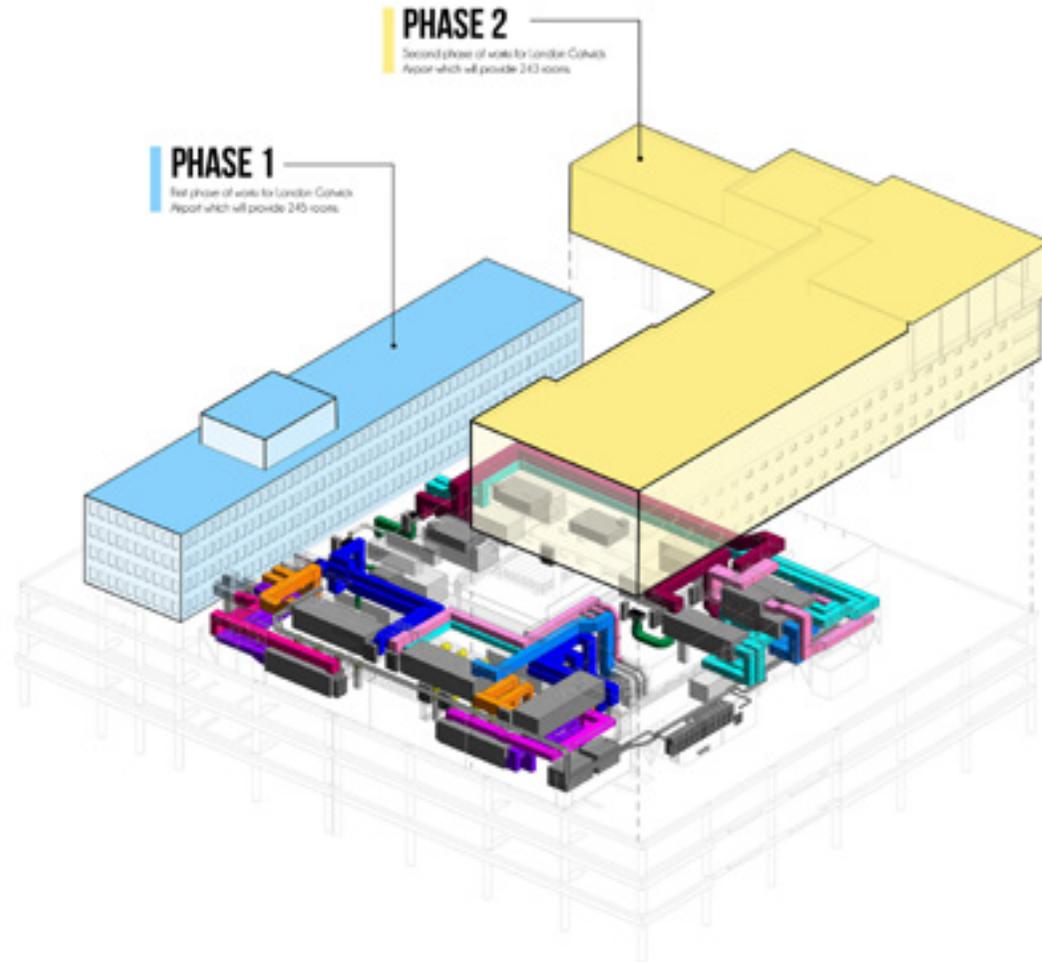
Completed

PROJECT LEADER

Mark Amey

BrightSpace have produced initial feasibility studies for a 243 room extension to BLOC Hotel at Gatwick Airport. This complex project is the second phase of building works which will be constructed above the South Terminal departure and security gates which, once completed, will provide a total of 488 rooms.

BrightSpace are working closely with the hotel operator and Gatwick Airport Ltd to develop a modular solution that will minimise disruption to the UK's second busiest airport. The project involves the erection of a 3 storey modular hotel above the existing roof top plant servicing the south terminal.



BLOC HOTEL - GATWICK RECEPTION

LOCATION

Gatwick, London

CLIENT

BLOC Hotels

VALUE

RIBA STAGES

4-7

STATUS

Completed

PROJECT LEADER

David Martin

As part of the main project, BrightSpace were appointed to develop design options for the hotel reception which is located in a high profile location within 20 yards of the departure gates of the South Terminal.

The location gave a fantastic marketing opportunity for Bloc and utilising their brand guidelines we designed a striking response to the brief which gives a clear statement of what Bloc stand for.



BLOC HOTEL - BIRMINGHAM

LOCATION

Birmingham

CLIENT

BLOC Hotels

VALUE

£2.4m

STATUS

Completed

RIBA STAGES

3-6

PROJECT LEADER

David Martin

Following our successful involvement with the new Bloc hotel at Gatwick South Terminal, we were given the opportunity to deliver the working drawing package for the proposed extension to Bloc Birmingham.

The extension to the existing 73 bedroom hotel in the Jewellery Quarter of Birmingham comprised of a full refurbishment and introduction of 9 bespoke hotel rooms within the retained building along with a further 24 newly developed Apart-rooms within the new extension.

We were novated to the Main Contractor at the beginning of the project to head up the design team and provide a fully coordinated working drawings package.



AFCB - TRAINING PAVILION

LOCATION

Bournemouth, Dorset

CLIENT

AFC Bournemouth

VALUE

RIBA STAGES

0-7

STATUS

Completed

PROJECT LEADER

David Martin

BrightSpace were appointed by AFC Bournemouth following their promotion to the Premier League, to deliver a significant amount of changes within their stadium to meet the requirements set out by the Premier League and Sky TV.

One of these was the provision of a high-quality training pavilion that includes changing rooms, warm-up rooms, Physiotherapy and massage rooms, Hydrotherapy, player's lounge, kitchen, meeting rooms and the manager's and coaching staff's offices.

The training pavilion was designed, approved and delivered within three months allowing its use before the start of the season.



AFCB - SOUTH STAND PROPOSAL

LOCATION

Bournemouth, Dorset

CLIENT

AFC Bournemouth

VALUE

RIBA STAGES

1-3

STATUS

Unrealised

PROJECT LEADER

David Martin

Following our successful involvement with the football club's new training pavilion, BrightSpace Architects were delighted to be appointed to develop proposals to replace the temporary South Stand with a new permanent structure to improve the disabled facilities and increase the capacity of the stadium to 15,000.

BrightSpace worked closely with the football club, specialist stadium consultants and with Dorset Fire and Dorset Police to ensure the new facilities were designed to the highest level of safety.

The project wasn't taken beyond the planning stage as the club looked at alternative options for the future of their stadium.



CRANBORNE AONB COUNTRYSIDE CENTRE

LOCATION

Bournemouth, Dorset

CLIENT

AFC Bournemouth

VALUE

RIBA STAGES

0-7

STATUS

Completed

PROJECT LEADER

David Martin

The proposal is for a countryside centre where visitors can come and learn about the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

The proposal is of sustainable construction. It has the main building at its core, this is a heated space with glazing along the South East elevation. Split into heated and unheated spaces, viewing decks maximise views over the neighbouring pick your own fruit farm, along the valley and to the clear night sky.

The surrounding landscape forms an extension to the learning opportunities.



Structure over the composting toilets can be used for a high visibility solar array both photo-voltaic cells for power and potentially solar thermal collection for hot water.

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Open truss space with glazing to maximise views and link to decked area effectively doubling the space. Vents fitted above the glazing to avoid overheating.



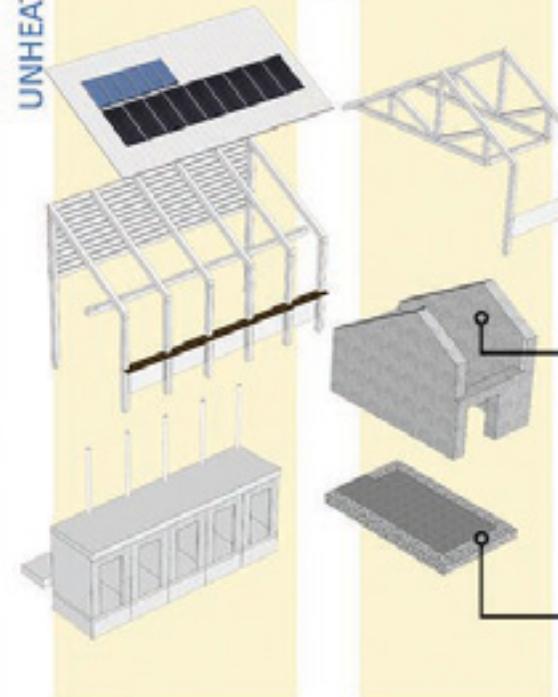
Upper construction could be a number of sustainable options such as:-

- Hempcrete (sprayed in prefab panels or installed in 'lifts')
- On-site timber construction with natural insulation infill and cladding
- Straw bale
- pre-fab timber construction either on site or off-site construction in panels such as Modcell

Load bearing high thermal mass construction

UNHEATED

UNHEATED



Opportunity to showcase a different roof construction to the main building such as thatch, reclaimed tiles or timber shingles

Lightweight construction



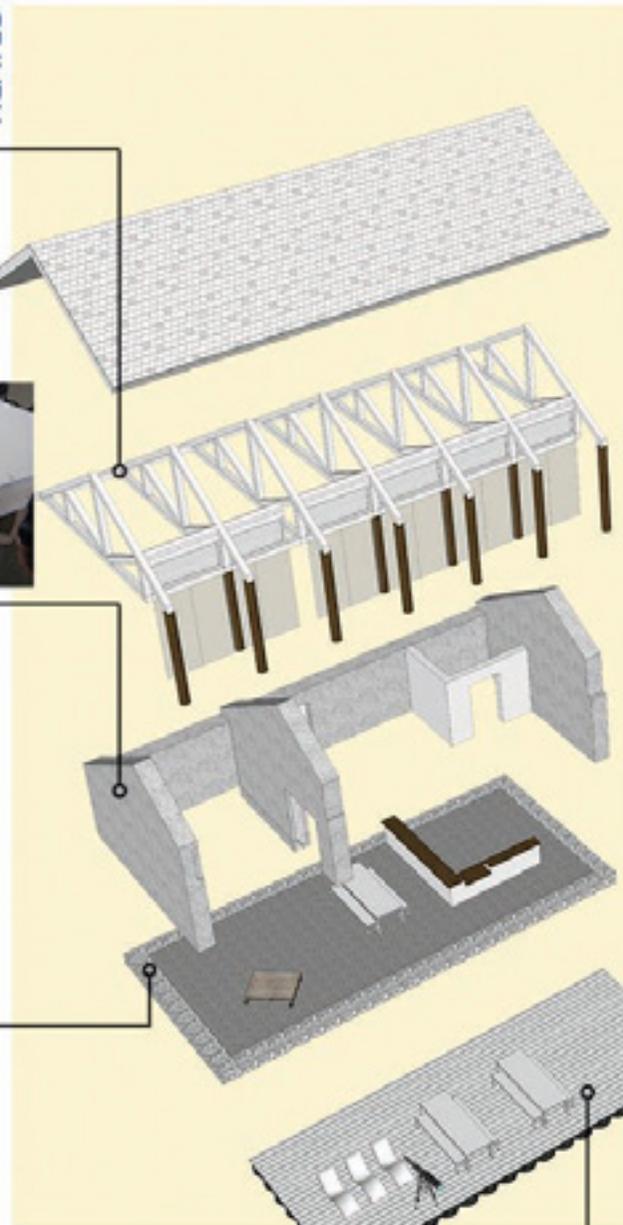
Load bearing high thermal mass construction

Access to toilets and boot room

Main approach for public



Deck on earth-filled tyre foundation



LANGTON HOUSE

LOCATION

Swanage, Dorset

CLIENT

AFC Bournemouth

VALUE

RIBA STAGES

0-7

STATUS

Completed

PROJECT LEADER

David Martin

BrightSpace were appointed by The Holiday Property Bond Ltd to deliver a full service relating to the rationalisation of leisure facilities and existing spaces at Langton House which is located on the south coast within the Purbeck Heritage Coast Area and Dorset AONB close to Swanage in Dorset.

The scheme comprises the refurbishment and extension of the existing maintenance building to provide new accessible guest leisure and recreation facilities linked to the existing site clubhouse and reception. The scheme also includes a new two bedroom apartment on the first floor over the existing reception. The modern and simple design sits comfortably within the context and provides fully accessible facilities.





THREE CUPS HOTEL

LOCATION

Lyme Regis, Dorset

CLIENT

Palmers Brewery

VALUE

£7.0m

STATUS

Post Planning

RIBA STAGES

0-7

PROJECT LEADER

Martin Dobbs



This long-term project, commenced by BrightSpace team members prior to the founding of BrightSpace Architects, comprises the sensitive conversion of a Grade II Listed former hotel, to retail use at ground floor level with the upper floors restored to their former glory as grand apartments, new town houses adjoining the restored Listed Building, and extensive development in the former hotel's rear land comprising a new signature restaurant and 12 guest rooms, including fully accessible and family-orientated accommodation.

Together with the client, BrightSpace has helped to bring back to life this of a long-vacant and much-loved local building, the back land of which has stunning views of the World Heritage

Jurassic Coast and of historic walled fishing harbour, known locally as 'The Cobb'. The steep topography, inherent land instability, local sensitivity and the listed status of the building has made this a very challenging project.

Initial and significant local objection to the potential redevelopment (prior to BrightSpace's involvement) was turned to general public support and to West Dorset District Council Planning Committee unanimously voting in favour of the Planning and Listed Building Consents in June 2015. The approved development is now in the stages of detailed tender and construction design.





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