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Listed building consent and planning permission for a multi-million pound project to develop a new library and study centre at Grade I listed College.

DESCRIPTION

Plans will see the replacement of the 1970s library with a new building designed to fulfil Christ's College's brief to create a library and social space in a location and setting which will serve the whole College community.

The College is Grade I listed and of national importance. Beacon ensured that the plans will respect the statutory constraints of this unique location within the College but with a public face onto a street in the heart of Cambridge's Historic Core Conservation Area.

Fundamental to ensuring that the new building respects its context was to understand the significance of the site and component parts. This enabled the architects to develop a scheme which would exploit areas of lesser significance whilst protecting features of highest significance. The scale, design, mass and materials of the development were carefully considered to ensure the building enhanced both the site within the College as well as the wider conservation area.

We acted as planning and heritage consultants and provided support throughout the application, giving advice on planning and heritage issues as well as undertaking a Historic Buildings Assessment, Heritage and Planning Statements. We also led pre-submission discussions with English Heritage, Cambridge City Council and its

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Design and Conservation Panel.

OUTCOME

The application was approved by Planning Committee in 2011, with the planning and listed building consent issued in 2013 following completion of the S106 agreement.

Beacon Planning have acted in 2017 to resubmit the applications which been approved to extend the planning consents.

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