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Restoration of Grade I listed building and provision of new care home in grounds.

DESCRIPTION

Working on behalf of Sue Ryder, Beacon helped secure listed building consent and planning permission for the construction of a new multi-million pound hospice that will enable the charity maintain residential care at this historic property.

Thorpe Hall is a Grade I listed building of exceptional national importance as a rare example of a country estate built during the Commonwealth period (c.1653-1646). It is located within a fine landscape with a series of walled gardens, the significance of which is reflected in inclusion on the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens in England at Grade II*. Sue Ryder have operated a care facility from within the hall since the 1980s, but changing regulations and healthcare practices have meant that a new wardblock is required for the charity to be able to continue to offer healthcare services on site.

Recognising the historic importance, Sue Ryder commissioned us to undertake an initial historic building appraisal to identify the relative historic significances of the site to inform the design and decision-making processes. Using the results we undertook extensive liaison with officers at English Heritage and Peterborough City Council and worked with JDDK Architects and design team to develop a proposal that best responded to the heritage constraints and also met the project brief.

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Location	Peterborough
Appointed	February 2011
Services	Advice, Application

BP team	Jon Burgess
Architect	JDDK Architects

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Our extensive liaison at pre-application stage led to a successful planning and listed building consent application being made, with supporting Heritage, Design and Access and Planning Statements prepared by Beacon Planning. Together with the consultant team we also managed to overcome ecological, arboricultural and other constraints.

OUTCOME

Planning and listed building consent was approved October 2011. The new wing is now operational and open to patients.

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