

Case Study: 22 Bishopsgate, London

Commercial

David Bonnett Associates (DBA) were appointed at concept stage for this significant development in the heart of the City of London and has continued as the inclusive access consultants, appointed by Lipton Rogers LLP the developers, with PLP Architects since 2015.

The building is the second tallest in the UK with 62 storeys above ground and with 6 storeys below ground - it is an enormous development. Its credentials are impressive for it accommodates the equivalent to a vertical city with office, retail and leisure facilities as well as an arts facility. There is also a viewing gallery and restaurants overlooking the City and London at the top.

The building accommodates twice the equivalent population to that of the City of London where it is situated. As a consequence the completed building will be catering for a higher than average public / visitor population. Due to these features the importance for inclusive access takes on a significant role.

Vertical and horizontal travel distances in such a large building are challenging for both mobility and sensory impaired people. Location of essential facilities such as lifts and toilets as well as logical arrangements of space need to maximize proximity for all users.

Access from the surrounding areas has been shared between six entry points and allow for direct and indirect access dependent upon which floor level and facility is to be accessed. The site topography required careful planning in order to rationalize the amount of stepped approaches and allow for just one location for externally placed public lifts to serve occupants and visitors from the east of Bishopsgate with principal entry points are from Bishopsgate to the west.



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Project Details:

Location	London
Completion	2020
Architects	PLP Architecture
Clients	Real Assets & Lipton Rogers Developments