

Case Study: Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes

Heritage

In 1938 a small group moved into Bletchley Park under the cover story that they were a 'Shooting Party'. In fact they were members of MI6, and the Government Code and Cypher School. In 1939 the estate became the home of code breakers and the birthplace of computers and electronic security.

By 1991 Bletchley Park was threatened with demolition. In English Heritage's view the physical remains of Bletchley Park are a testament to the contribution of those who worked there. Without the presence of the buildings much less would be understood about the scale and character of the operation.

The Bletchley Park Trust, set up to preserve the unique site, raised funding to transform the site into a centre for education and community activities. In appointing the design team the Trust was determined that the site, as well as the buildings, would be accessible to all. With this aim DBA was appointed to carry out a strategic Access Audit. On the basis of this review DBA was appointed to contribute to the developing design.

Bletchley Park is an internationally renowned venue illuminating the events of the twentieth century and their contribution to today's technologically complex society. Improved access for all has contributed to the success of a site that now welcomes over quarter of a million visitors each year.



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Project Details:

Location	London
Completion	2014
Architects	Kennedy O'Callaghan Architects
Clients	Bletchley Park Trust