St. Pancreas Public Mortuary

LOGAN CONSTRUCTION

Public Sector / Extension and Refurbishment

Key Features:

- New build extension to existing public mortuary
- Installation of specialist mortuary facilities
- Modernisation of visitor areas

This project entailed the refurbishment and extension to the existing St. Pancreas Public Mortuary, located at Camley Street in Camden.

New build elements

Our project brief identified that the existing facility be expanded by a further 90m², to total 300m². This extension was delivered through a new steel frame, designed in collaboration with design and supply-chain partners.

Improving the existing space

In addition to the extension, we were tasked with reconfiguring the existing internal lay-out. The aim was to improve the functionality, aesthetics and environmental performance of the building. To this end, we delivered:

- Increasing the quantity and range of body storage spaces
- Improving the post mortem suite, with downdraught autopsy tables and dissection benches
- Creating a dedicated Forensic Post Mortem Room
- Providing new observation areas, adjoining the Post Mortem Room
- Improving the staff offices, change areas and transition spaces
- Improving the public entrance, waiting and body viewing provision
- Introducing new environmental services to better control artificial lighting, ventilation, heating and cooling

Logistical challenges

Throughout the project, we had to safeguard the uninterrupted operation of the adjacent Coroner's Court. This was in addition to minimising disruption to the nearby St. Pancreas Hospital, Old Church and Public Gardens. We achieved this through a robust planning operation, involving considerate logistic and traffic management plans. These plans were reviewed at the weekly project meetings to ensure continued effectiveness. At all times, we offered our approach up to the client and local stakeholders for improvement.

Client:	London Borough of Camden
Project Value:	£1,700,000
Programme Duration:	30 weeks
Architect:	Paul Murphy Architects
Quantity Surveyor:	Sweett (UK) Ltd