

One John Street American Express Brighton

Built on a steep, elevated urban site with the historic Brighton Pavilion as its backdrop, we created a vibrant, highly articulated building that offers a sustainable and future-proofed working environment. Taking inspiration from the wider site context, each elevation is designed to reflect Brighton's colourful spirit and signal American Express' long-term commitment to the town.

The AMEX House offices in Brighton had reached the end of their life span and we were briefed to design a high quality office building that would offer large flexible floor plates with high levels of servicing to meet the needs of a 21st Century business. The 12-storey office building includes an underground car park, gym, conference centre, training and meeting rooms along with a staff restaurant with outdoor seating areas that provide spectacular views across Brighton and the South Coast.

Client
American Express

Services
Architecture
+ Interior Design

Size
GIA 33,595m²

Awards
2013 UK Property Awards Best Office Architecture, South East; 2013 UK Property Awards Best Office Interior, South East 2013 Property Awards Best Office Architecture, UK 2013 Association of Interior Specialists Gold Award; Drywall Construction (Gold winner)

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Sustainability

Sustainability and responsibility are at the heart of this building. EPR worked with the town planners to achieve a high BREEAM rating. The building's extensive 'green' features included; excavated chalk removed and taken to fifteen different local sites for re-use. American Express worked closely with the neighbouring school and funded vital improvements. Public artwork using decorative ceramic tiles created by artist Kate Malone, who collaborated with the school, the Deaf Association and AMEX employees was installed on one facade to create a visual tribute to the town.

Fluid Design

We have designed the internal spaces to have a sense of openness and fluidity, encouraging a flexible and modern working environment. An internal curve motif is used throughout, creating a smooth transition from the secure reception space into the building. Similarly, perimeter coffer lighting assists the flow and linking of the entrance with the core and other parts of the building.

