

DEFRA OFFICES, CAMBRIDGE

A innovatively funded government office complex developed on brownfield land



Kajima's first PFI project was to build 14,000m² of serviced accommodation for the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA). Kajima developed a unique project financial structure that was a true hybrid between project finance and traditional property finance.

This redevelopment project brought well-located but underutilised land back into active use creating a thriving new space consisting of both residential and commercial buildings.

The scheme transformed an 11 hectare site occupied by single storey accommodation dating back to the 1940s into a modern mixed-use scheme comprising smart, professional and flexible offices for DEFRA.

The open-plan office space embodies the principles of natural ventilation, a major factor that contributed to the building achieving BREEAM Excellent status. The light and airy design creates smart, professional offices that are flexible and can be tailored to suit a variety of occupiers and their various demands.



CLIENT

Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)

SPONSOR & DEVELOPER

Kajima Partnerships

ARCHITECT

Carey Jones Architects

CONTRACTOR

Kajima Construction

FACILITIES MANAGER

Honeywell

SIZE

14,000m²

CONTRACT LENGTH

25 years

STATUS

The project was completed in 2003 and sold to Infrastructure Investors (i2) in 2005