

The Sorting Office, Chelsea

18-20 Chelsea Manor Street and 232 King's Road, London SW3

Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

Design up to Planning Application stage for the ambitious redevelopment of the site of the redundant Royal Mail sorting office along Chelsea Manor Street, with access from Sydney Street and further accommodation within 232 King's Road, including a shop along the King's Road.

The proposals, begun in the autumn of 2007, were for 16 exclusive apartments with landscaped terraces and gardens, planned over 6 floors and accessed individually through lifts from the lifestyle lobby on the ground floor. The building was designed in an L-shape, enclosing a landscaped inner courtyard. A car park was provided in a sub-basement, accessed via two car lifts whose design was integrated within the entrance sequence from Sydney Street. Pedestrian access was provided from Chelsea Manor Street.

The building at 232 King's Road was converted and extended to provide affordable housing, accessed from the King's Road to the side of the retained shop.

Being in the Royal Hospital Conservation Area, the design was for a contextual piece of urban design in a building that respected and reinterpreted the surrounding architecture and made a lively contribution to the street scene along Chelsea Manor Street.

Client: Coromandel Holdings Ltd

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