ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL (Equal Access Ramps)

Client

CORPORATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PAUL'S IN LONDON

Architect

CAROE ARCHITECTURE

Quantity Surveyor

SYNERGY CONSTRUCTION & PROPERTY **CONSULTANTS**

Structural Engineer

THE MORTON PARTNERSHIP

Principal Contractor

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Designed by Christopher Wren, St Paul's Cathedral is one of the most significant buildings in terms of national identity. Having been destroyed four times throughout history, St Paul's Cathedral, as we know it today, has lived through three centuries and the London Blitz of WW2.

Stonewest have undertaken several projects over a several decades for The Corporation of the Cathedral Church of St Paul's. On this occasion the appointment entailed the construction of a symmetrical set of ramps, including handrails and lighting around the entrance steps to the north side of the cathedral, enabling inclusive access for visitors, staff and volunteers.

The concept had been under consideration for over 30 years and involved the most significant external change to the cathedral in its 300 year history. Whilst permanent, the structure is reversible in as much as it 'floats' over the original entrance steps and therefore maintains the ethos of conservation.

KEY SUCCESSES

- The site behind bespoke hoarding was established to include welfare facilities and temporary removal of 'People for London' memorial and railings.
- Excavation works to facilitate new foundation and drainage works.
- Archaeological co-ordination as ancient culvert was discovered
- Research into appropriate materials to deliver the architectural concept.
- Completion of the new design and procurement resulted in Portland walls, Chinese granite to the ramps and Italian manufactured aluminium bronze handrails and discrete lighting, all commissioned on
- Surrounding landscaping and redecoration of the large perimeter railings will complete the space.

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