

British Embassy, Staff Housing & Amenities, Bangkok

We are re-planning the British Embassy Compound in Bangkok, to provide 7,000m² of new residential accommodation, recreational facilities and staff amenities for the Foreign & Commonwealth Office. The compound is a green oasis, which is unique to Bangkok's busy city centre. Creating a new main entrance, the site plan

provides a new lateral approach to the Ambassador's Residence in the tradition of the English Country House, where the landscape and Residence are revealed gradually through a sequence of views and spaces.

The design proposals respect the rich local ecology of the Embassy compound, which is retained and enriched through sensitive placement of new buildings with green terraces,

which cascade into the lush landscape. The architectural language of the residences expresses the energy efficient, sustainable solutions incorporated in the design, and have been selected to suit the hot and humid Bangkok climate.

Through strong team work, and in close liaison with the FCO and Embassy staff in Bangkok, the multi-national project team is creating a tailor-made



Garden view of residences



View across the pond towards the clubhouse and residences

environment of high quality to represent Britain in Thailand.

Embassy Staff Residences

The Residences have been arranged along the western side of the compound, with the recreational facilities at their northern end, exploiting the secluded water side location.

Our ideas for the planning of the residences has allowed for a mixture

of flats and houses which provided the client with flexibility during the design development by being able to vary the proportions of units. All the living spaces face towards the gardens, screened by the existing dense planting - all with private outdoor spaces, terraces and hanging gardens in a layered elevation. The intention is to allow the opening up of the living spaces into the landscape while preserving privacy.

Facilities include:

- Club house
- Gym facilities
- Swimming pool
- Multi-purpose sports court
- Childrens' playroom
- Medical facilities
- Technical staff facilities
- Stores and workshops
- Security facilities



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- 1 Layout Plan of the site
- 2 Perspective Section through a 4 bed house

Client Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Completion 2007
Contract Type GC Works