

BBC West One Project, Phase 2

DESCRIPTION In 2002 MacCormac Jamieson Prichard (MJP) gained planning consent for a two-phase redevelopment of the BBC's headquarters; they completed Phase 1 and developed Phase 2 up to Stage E. In November 2005 Bovis Lend Lease appointed Sheppard Robson to complete Phase 2 from RIBA Stage C, within the spirit of the original MJP design, incorporating brief changes requested by the BBC, including improving public access and increasing the flexibility of the office spaces for the future.

Phase 2 comprises a new 10-storey building, with three basement levels, from which all the BBC's news, current affairs and World Service output will be broadcast. The accommodation includes radio and television studios, production offices, catering areas, reception, public areas, and all necessary support facilities. The newsroom will be one of the largest in the world.

DESIGN & INNOVATION Floorplates were rationalised, maximising efficiency; circulation was centralised to improve access and legibility. Television and radio studios were relocated to 'dead' spaces within the basement levels, to ensure that prime space was used for offices. The public spaces - incorporating a bar, education and exhibition spaces, shops and a theatre - were relocated to the front, creating a 'shop-window' for the BBC.

CLIENT:
BOVIS LEND LEASE

LOCATION:
LONDON W1

AREA:
49,000m²

CONSTRUCTION COST:
£220m

COMPLETION:
2010

