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Delivering a striking façade for CABI’s stunning new low energy headquarters

CABI is an international, inter-governmental, not-for-profit organisation who apply scientific expertise to solve problems in agriculture and the environment.

Designed by Scott Brownrigg Architects, CABI’s new state-of-the-art corporate office in Wallingford builds upon its commitment towards a more sustainable world, as its innovative design leaves less of a carbon footprint amidst a landscape rich in biodiversity.

Working alongside project managers Ridge and Partners LLP (Ridge), Scott Brownrigg’s design provides a two-storey, low carbon office that integrates an experimental bio-diverse landscape with a new collaborative flexible working environment. The accommodation also provides a range of amenities including a café restaurant, meeting rooms and a lecture theatre which will also be used by the local community.

Metal Technology’s high performance curtain walling and brise soleil solar shading systems were specified by Aluminium Sashes for contractor Barnwood Construction. System 17 curtain walling was utilized alongside the perforated façade panels to allow for natural ventilation. This is complemented by the building’s extensive lightweight sedum green roof and photo-voltaic solar array system, which harvests the sun’s energy.

CABI and property developers CALA Homes have been mindful of landscaping which is sensitive to the location – an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) – with the planting of cypress trees, native hedgerows, low shrubs, ornamental plantings, perennial flowers and even a meadow to attract a broad range of insects, birds and other wildlife.

We’re delighted to see CABI make the move into their striking, eco-friendly new home, and are very proud to have played a part in this highly innovative development. A fantastic building and a credit to all involved.

Client

CABI HQ

Architect

Scott Brownrigg Architects

Main Contractor

Barnwood Construction

Systems Used

System 17
Curtain Walling

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