

CURRICULUM VITAE

Camilla Finlay B Arch (Hons), Dip Arch, M Arch, RIBA, AABC

Position in Firm: Director
Profession: Architect
Year Joined Firm 2006

Professional Qualifications

B Arch (Hons) Degree in Architecture
Diploma in Architecture
Masters in Architecture
Architect Accredited in Building Conservation, 2011
MSc in Historic Conservation (2009 – 2012 ongoing)

Affiliations

Institute of Historic Buildings, IHBC, Twentieth Century Society
The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, SPAB
Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association. EASA

Professional achievements and relevant experience:

Camilla joined Acanthus Clews Architects in 2006. She became a Company Director in 2008. Camilla is an Accredited Architect in Building Conservation and the Director responsible for conservation. She has recently been appointed Cathedral Architect to Exeter Cathedral.

Camilla is experienced in working on projects from their inception to completion and is highly effective at communicating with complex client teams and co-ordinating the activities of project team members. Considerations are the protection of the built environment, environmental design and striving for design excellence, coupled with strong personal vision and commitment to secure sustainable futures for historic buildings. Camilla is highly skilled at undertaking feasibility studies for sustainable managed change to historic buildings and landscapes.

Camilla has taken the lead on a series of inspiring projects including Mucknell Abbey, a new sustainable monastery for the Anglican Benedictine Community formerly of Burford Priory which received the 2011 EASA President's Award; the HLF Grant Aided reordering and extension of St Margaret's Church, Ward End, Birmingham, to provide a multi-cultural centre for the wider community; the conversion of Castleside, Bedford to provide a new exhibition and education facility for The Panacea Society and the strategic masterplan for the historic landscape and buildings within Williamson Park, Lancaster including the Grade I listed Aston Memorial, to improve access, welcome and visitor facilities.

Recent conservation repair projects include English Heritage Grant Aided repair works to St Andrews Church, Rugby; St Michael and All Angels Church, Cosby; St Mary's Church, Wavendon and St Mary the Virgin, Long Crendon. Camilla has undertaken feasibility studies for necessary change to ecclesiastical buildings to improve welcome and support worship, and is currently working on the implementation of the vision at the Grade I Listed churches of St Edburg's, Bicester and St Michael and All Angels, Stewkley.

Camilla is an approved inspecting architect by the Diocese of Oxford, Peterborough and St Alban's and has undertaken Quinquennial Inspections for Grade I Listed Parish Churches including St Edith's Church, Orton-on-the-Hill, St Thomas the Great, Fulbrook and St Peter's Church, Hanwell. As part of a the framework agreement with English Heritage Camilla was part of the 2011 AMP pilot survey team for properties in the East Midlands Region including Sutton Scarsdale Hall, Mattersey Priory and Bolingbrook Castle.

Before joining ACA, Camilla was an Associate at Terry Farrell & Partners. During her 5 years with the signature London Practice, Camilla played a central role in a series of landmark projects including the conversion of 3-5 Devonshire Place to provide a new treatment centre for The London Clinic and the concept and masterplan for a sustainable new community in Ardersier on the Moray Firth.

During her time at Farrells, Camilla worked directly with Sir Terry Farrell on his visionary ideas for the creation of the Nash Ramblas and the re-making of the Thames Gateway. She was the Practice's acknowledged expert in matters of sustainability.

Camilla is currently undertaking an MSc in Historic Conservation at Oxford Brookes.



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