



PROJECT PROFILE



OAKWOOD HOUSE, MAIDSTONE

2006-2007 £1.2 MILLION

the project

Construction of large extension to the rear of Oakwood House, Kent County Council's prestigious conference centre, hotel, and private function venue, to provide new dining and conference facilities.

The extension was designed using a steelwork frame, with brick and block walls with the incorporation of stonework to reflect the Victorian elegance of the original building.

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In terms of health and safety, many issues required addressing prior to construction commencing to ensure works were carried out safely for the construction team, and the public in the surrounding occupied areas.

Occupied Building

Throughout the course of the project, Oakwood House remained fully operational, catering for conferences, hotel guests and private functions, including weddings. It was essential that disturbance was minimised, escape routes remained accessible, and the quality of the establishment was upheld.

Heavy Materials

To enable the design to reflect the existing Victorian building, materials exceeding the usual weight limitations were specified.

Access & Movement Difficulties

Due to the location of the extension to the rear of the building, access to the construction area was extremely tight, restricted further by the natural topography of the site.

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Structural Issues

To realise the vision of the client and architect, clever steelwork design was incorporated to seamlessly attach the new extension to the existing dining room.

By working closely with the designers, principal contractor and client whilst planning the works, effective risk management strategies were implemented, ensuring the safety of all on the site, and the occupied surrounding area, was maintained.

