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BUILDING CONTROL

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Project: St Albans Cathedral

Client: St Albans Cathedral

Architect: Richard Griffiths Architects



St Albans Cathedral and Abbey has undergone a 18-year programme of repair, conservation and adaptation. This iconic building has been adapted in a sustainable manner to ensure equal access throughout via ramping and repaving the whole forecourt and west porch along with the installation of platform lifts. Externally, the medieval masonry has been repaired, repointed and shelter-coated, and the stonework has been cleaned and conserved. Internally, a new nave platform and furniture have been constructed and the uniquely important series of medieval fabrics and paintings have been cleaned and conserved. The building's carbon footprint has also been dramatically reduced through improved draft lobbies, re-leaded stained glass windows, low energy light fittings and condensing boilers. Following this refurbishment programme, St Albans Cathedral has a sustainable future.

Judges' comments:

“The contribution of the architect to the repair and conservation of the building over the last 18 years has uplifted this iconic building and its spirit, creating a lasting legacy for the city.”