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Strategic Development Plan, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew

by WilkinsonEyre

The Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew is recognised as a world leader in the field of plant science, with its 300 acre site alongside the River Thames evolving over 250 years. In 2003 Kew was officially inscribed on the list of World Heritage Sites by UNESCO.

Our first work at Kew was the preparation of a site-wide Development Plan in 2002. This established an overarching framework for achieving a series of long-term strategic aims which were identified in close collaboration with the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens and his team, and is organised around an arc which has formed the basis for a series of new buildings and landscape features.

Among the Wilkinson Eyre Architects projects that have emerged from the masterplan are a new Alpine House and an extension to the Jodrell Laboratory, which will meet a key objective of the plan in improving public knowledge of the role of science at Kew.

Completed projects within the Plan

1. Restoration of Kew Palace
2. Sackler Crossing
3. Treetop Walkway & Rhizotron
4. Shirley Sherwood Gallery
5. Davies Alpine House
6. Jodrell Laboratory Extension

Details

Location: London, UK
 Client: Royal Botanic Gardens Kew
 Architect: WilkinsonEyre
 Subconsultants: Chris Blandford Associates, AEA Consulting

Awards

Jodrell Laboratory: Civic Trust Award 2008
 RIBA Award 2007
 Alpine House:
 Civic Trust Award 2008
 RIBA Award 2006