



To celebrate Mountford Pigott's Centenary we're featuring projects from our archives alongside some of our recent work to showcase our heritage as an architectural practice and the foundations that our portfolio has been built on. We've talked to some residents and users of those early buildings and discovered wonderful archive drawings and photos of many schemes from London mansion blocks and housing estates to innovations such as Heston Aerodrome and the UK's first drive-thru restaurant.

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# Chatsworth Court, Earls Court

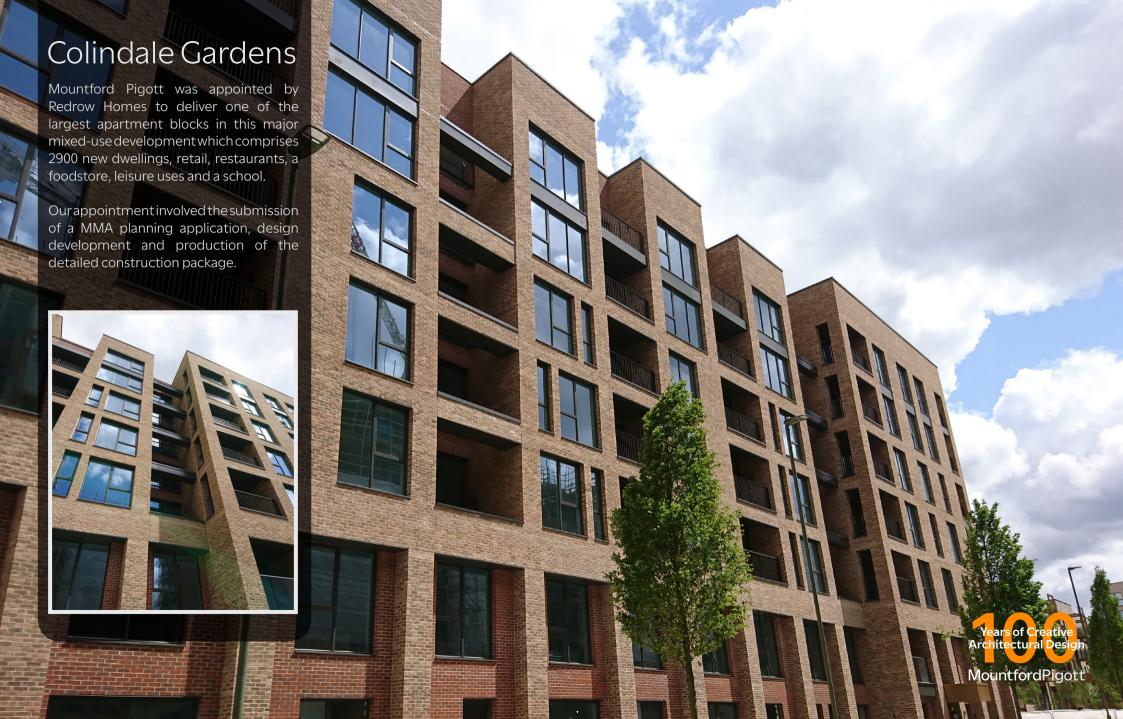
The block of high-end apartments were designed in a typical mid-30s style, with brown brick, a steep green pan-tiled roof and contrasting composition balconies.

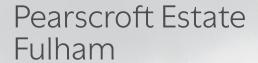
Chatsworth Court was promoted as a 'country club in a garden', and provided facilities such as tennis courts, a swimming pool, restaurant and uniformed maid and porter services. The flats also offered the most modern of features, including electric clocks, heated towel rails and internal telephones.

Former residents included explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton's children, Raymond, Cecily and Edward, as well as Joan Collins & Anthony Newly and the founder of Pye Records, Nixon Hilton.

In 1938 Murrell & Pigottwere commissioned to design a further mansion block on the adjacent site which became Marlborough Court.







A large social housing project was commenced in 1965 – the Pearscroft Estate in Fulham, a mixture of low-rise houses and an eighteen-storey tower block.









#### Heston Aerodrome

An unusual project emerged in 1929, when H. F. Murrell was commissioned to design elements of Heston Aerodrome with Leslie Magnus Austin. Operational between 1929 and 1947, the Aerodrome was one of Britain's best known airfields, and was officially opened to coincide with the finish of the 1929 King's Cup Air Race. The Aerodrome buildings were laid out in a remarkable fashion to resemble an aeroplane when viewed from the air, and were typically Art Deco in style. Contemporary sources describe L.M. Austin and H.F. Murrell as architects of the large, rectangular concrete hangar with distinctive curved profile, while some other sources suggest that H.F. Murrell was also involved in the design of the clubhouse and control tower.





#### Great West Road

A landmark 7-storey building providing 10,680m<sup>2</sup> of storage adjacent to the elevated section of the M4.

The upper floors are suspended from the roof structure to provide a clear span in the yard area beneath the building. The building also incorporates a green roof and bespoke feature lighting.





#### Ox-in-Flames

Mountford Pigott designed Britain's first drive-in restaurant in 1960, the Ox-in-Flames in Farnborough near Bromley. The building still exists as a Frankie and Benny's restaurant.





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One of Murrell & Pigott's largest and most well-known commissions came in 1931, when Wandsworth Council appointed the practice to design and lay out The Fieldview Estate – the northeastern section of the Magdalen Park Estate.

Mostly brown brick or render twostorey maisonettes, the area has a harmonious appearance due to the harmony of materials and architectural features used around the estate. The buildings have plain clay tiled roofs which are hipped at the ends, and windows were originally white painted timber casements with glazing bars. An attractive and consistently-designed estate, it now forms part of the wider Magdalen Park Conservation Area.





#### Ipswich Riverside

Mountford Pigott was appointed to lead the design team for the redevelopment of this significant town centre site in Ipswich. The site spans between two of the principal bridges across the River Orwell and is ideally located for commuters, a short walk away from Ipswich train station with a long stretch of river frontage.

The scheme has evolved with changing stakeholder aspirations to incorporate a major new riverside walk and bridge link, extensive public realm as well as 173 new houses and commercial space. Our service included extensive stakeholder consultation as well as design development in collaboration with stakeholders.





## Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital

One of the firm's most significant commissions came in 1926, when Murrell & Pigott were asked to design a new Outpatients Hall for the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital in Bolsover Street, W1. Now Grade II Listed, this Roman Classical building has a vaulted and coffered ceiling lit by a clerestory and contains murals by painter, decorator and illuminator Katherine Anne 'Nan' West.





# Raynes Park

Mountford Pigott worked closely with the developer, user groups, the Local Authority and the PCT to realise this new primary healthcare building. A planning consent for a high density development over four storeys providing 3000m² of space was achieved for the site located in the centre of Raynes Park with a number of sensitive neighbouring properties. Since then MPLLP worked with two GP surgeries, a dental practice, private healthcare operators and Kingston Hospital NHS Trust through a variety of feasibility studies to achieve the final building design.

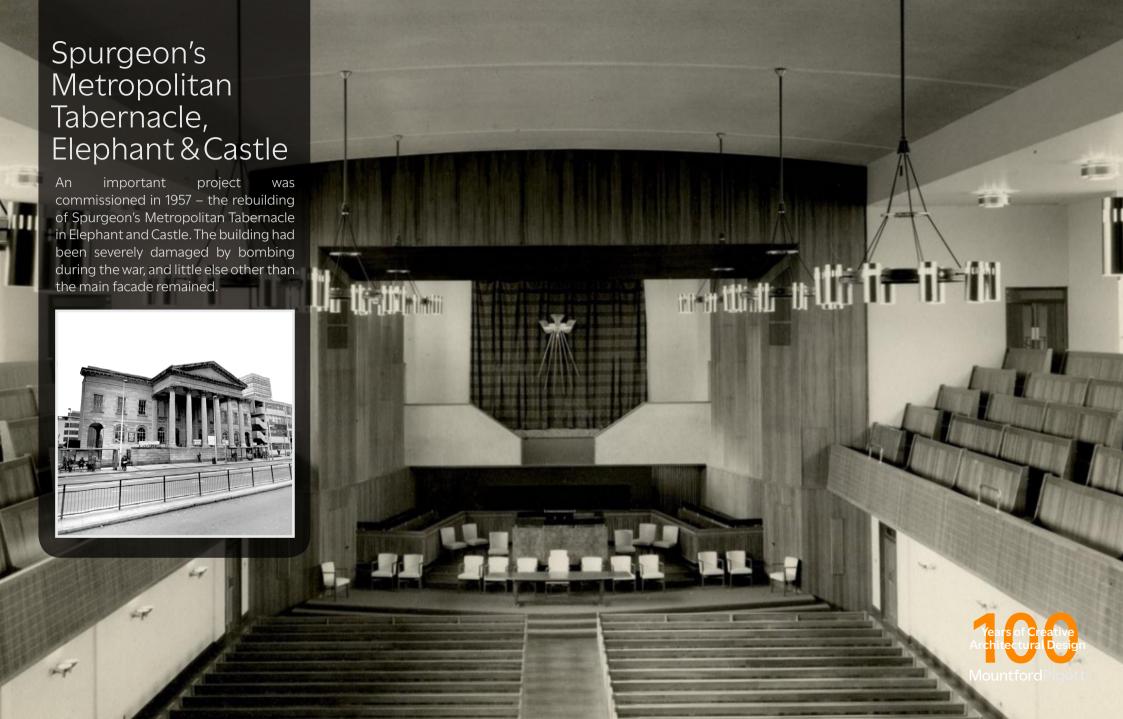
The scheme incorporates a pharmacy, an out-patient facility for Kingston Hospital, GP surgeries with minor operations and counselling facilities, two suites for private healthcare operators and underground parking. All facilities are compliant with the relevant HTM and HBN standards.

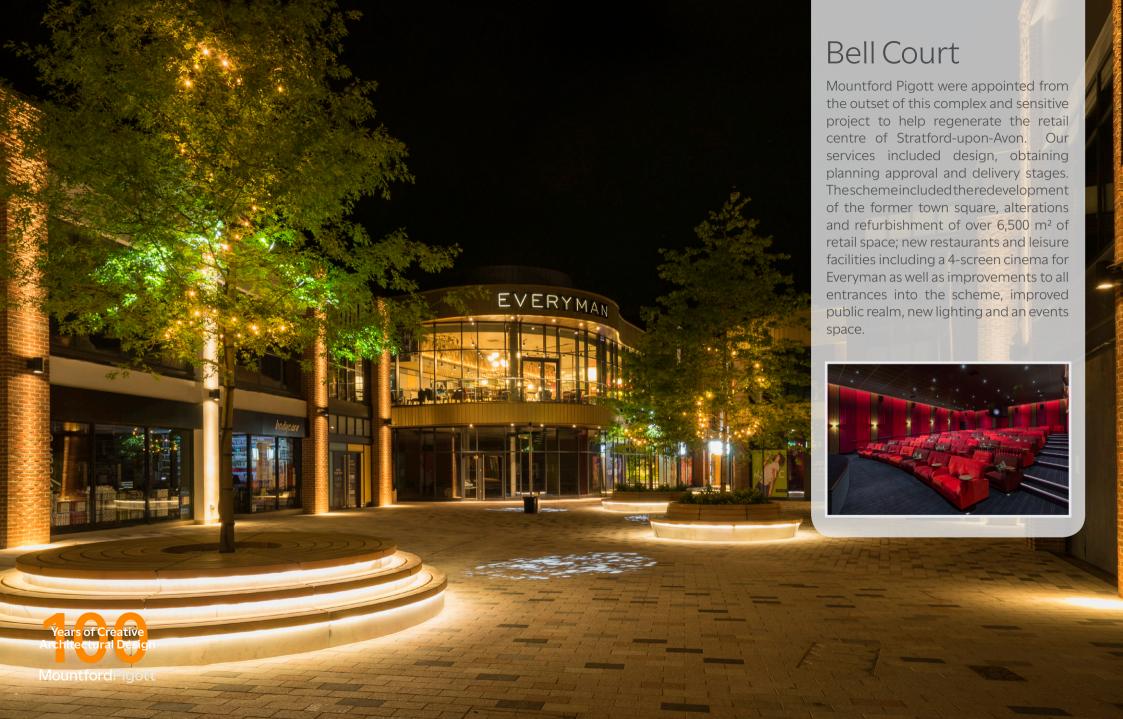
















## West Way Square

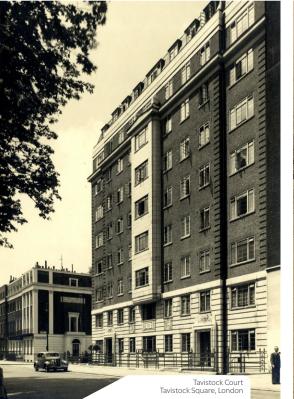
West Way Square is a new district centre serving the West of Oxford and beyond. The scheme, which will see the redevelopment of the existing shopping centre and adjacent buildings has been split into two phases.

Phase 1 comprises a 123-bedroom hotel and 261 student accommodation units in 3 blocks sited above new retail units. A Baptist church, community space and offices are also provided within this initial phase as well as a split-level car park and new central boulevard.

Phase 2 is anticipated to start Q2 2021 and will provide 150 residential units with the entire development due for completion in 2022.













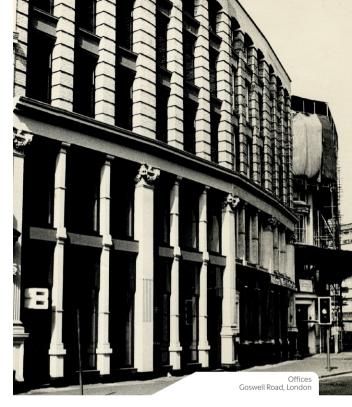


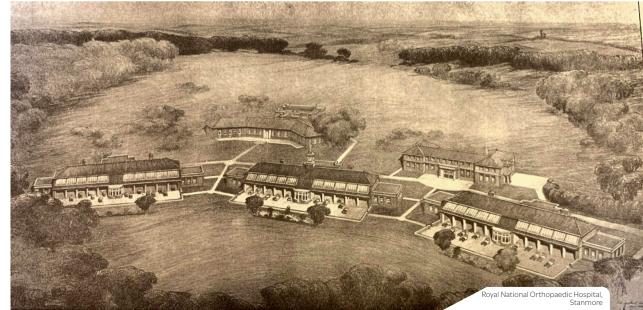




















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Now in 2021 we are working on many exciting projects both at design and construction stages. We are active not only in the sectors where we started out but in new locations and project types. We've also expanded our team to be able to take on larger and more complex schemes.

Although technology has transformed the way we work beyond recognition we continue to design great spaces and places in the traditions of architectural

quality, innovation and service established by Richard Mountford Pigott and Harold Murrell back in 1921.

If you would like to see more of our historic and contemporary portfolios or would like to discuss a forthcoming project please get in touch.

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