

Park Farm Hotel - Hethersett - Case Study



"Beautiful setting, immaculate decor and design, very clean, staff friendly and polite, food excellent"

Karen - Couple from Nottingham – December 2011

"Clean, modern, well-designed and furnished. The staff were very helpful. The rooms were outstanding value for money. Dinner in the restaurant was not at all bad."

Peter – Family from Malvern – March 2012

Project Sheet

Lead Designer
Michael Spicer Architect

Structural Engineer
Hale Allan

Principal Constructors
John Youngs Ltd.
David Gowing direct labour team

Client
Peter, Helen & David Gowing

Construction Cost
£1.5 – 5 million – Various Phased works

Construction Programme
August 1986 – August 2006



Park Farm Hotel & Leisure Centre has developed over a thirty year period from a family farm guest house to one of the most significant hotel, leisure and conference facilities in Norfolk.

Michael Spicer Architect has been involved in a number of extension, alteration and new build projects during that period – from alterations and conversions of existing farm buildings, extensions to the **Grade II Listed** farm house to new guest bedroom accommodation wings.

As the customer base and business grew, so did demand for increasing quality standards of accommodation and space – and many of the early small projects have been refurbished a number of times over.

Whilst some of the larger developments were traditionally tendered on a full plans, bills of quantities basis, later developments were carried out using design-and-build using direct labour.

Most of the redevelopments used traditional construction techniques and a domestic scale – in keeping with the form of the farm buildings – energy saving measures have included:

- high levels of fabric insulation
- low-energy double glazed windows
- low-energy lighting
- Energy efficient heating, water controls
- water supply from a borehole to serve ensuite bathrooms wc's and laundry
- Low-E double glazed windows
- Air handling uses return air to pre-heat incoming fresh air to kitchen.



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