

Bristows

PROJECT PROFILE



Client Bristows LLP
Location London, UK
Size / Cost 437 sqm NIA / £10 Million
Team Cost - Gardiner & Theobald



Workplace Consultancy
Feasibility Study
Furniture Review

WORKPLACE

Consarc worked very closely with Bristows, a firm of leading UK solicitors, to assist them on the reconfiguration of their Central London office. As solicitors to LaSalle Investment Management, they had been inspired by our transformation of their London HQ in Curzon Street in the heart of Mayfair. The client's key aim was to move towards open plan working to facilitate collaboration and make better use of their office space.

In order to understand the current office culture and corporate identity, we undertook a series of interviews with all legal partners and several staff members at different levels. The feedback was compiled into a comprehensive staff report which helped inform a workplace strategy tailored to Bristow's specific needs and aspirations. As part of the workplace feasibility study we completed a detailed analysis of their existing office space spread over two floors, identifying challenges including impacts to the existing mechanical and infrastructure systems and opportunities for improvement. This extensive analysis included a filing audit aimed at providing recommendations on how storage space could be used more efficiently within the office. This allowed us to free up

a significant amount of space which could be reorganised for breakout and collaboration. A series of different layouts were analysed and presented taking into account the specific requirements of each team.

"We provided three different proposals for the first and second floors of Bristow's offices. We named them 'Blue sky thinking', 'Office reality: mitigate disruption' and 'Minimal changes to increase density'."

Liz Pickard, Director, Consarc Architects

The final proposal removed a maximum amount of partitions to create a light and airy open plan environment. A variety of breakout and collaborative work settings were spread across the floor plate encouraging movement and interaction between staff from different departments. A variety of meeting settings were also designed in order to respond to the different levels of privacy required, ranging from fully enclosed private meeting rooms to open plan collaborative tables and high-back sofas.