

# Earlham Hall, Norwich

**Client:** University of East Anglia

**Value:** £5m

**Status:** completed 2014

Earlham Hall and curtilage outbuildings date from 1580 and are listed Grade II\* and II. The house has significance for its association with national figures, as the childhood home of Elizabeth Fry and her sister Louisa Gurney Hoare. The building had been occupied by the University of East Anglia since its foundation in 1963, and was formally purchased in 2010.

**rhp** were asked to provide proposals for the adaptive re-use of the various structures, prepare conservation

statements, undertake condition surveys and develop detailed designs to refurbish the main building.

Our specialist investigations enabled a better understanding of the sequence of the existing building's historic development. The first phase of the new project began on site in July 2012 and, despite having to overcome the discovery of asbestos containing materials and failure of structural elements, the alterations, new entrance and major refurbishment of the main building was successfully completed in early 2014.



*Norwich Society Design Award 2015 – Winner in the Conservation category*  
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