



#### Client

McLaren Construction for  
London Borough of Barking

#### Site

Barking, Essex

#### Role

Architect

#### Value

£2.8m

#### Project

New Build Office

#### OVERVIEW

As part of Barking's King William Street Quarter development, the office building provides 1560m<sup>2</sup> of office space and which meets the clients requirement to provide an attractive, well designed and distinctive building which will bring vibrancy to the area and signal that Barking is an area where new businesses can thrive. The offices will be aimed primarily at new and small local start up businesses and the building itself will form a key architectural focal point of the King William Street plan.

The four storey steel framed structure incorporates facing bricks forming the façade. The brick chosen is the Freshfield Lane Brickworks Selected Dark Facing which aims to complement the adjacent housing development, and also provides a distinct identity to the office building itself.

The building's design incorporates a number of innovative environmental elements such as a 'brown' bio-diverse roof, PV panels, and motion detection lighting, contributing to the building's 'Excellent' BREEAM rating. The building forms part of Barking and Dagenham's plans to encourage businesses to the area, and provide them with the flexibility to innovate and grow within the area. It provides 48 environmentally friendly units for small to medium sized businesses, offering shared support, reception and meeting rooms.

The interior of the building provides a flexible modern urban aesthetic suited to young enterprising businesses. The development also benefits from extensive landscaping to the frontage of the building along Cambridge Road.

## BARKING BUSINESS CENTRE

Pellings

