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Portcullis House, London SW1



Architect/Designer:
Hopkins Architects

Client:
**Parliamentary Works
Directorate**

Main Contractor:
Laing O'Rourke

Location:
Westminster, London

Portland Stone:
Bowers Basebed

Scope of Project:
**Internal Portland stone
flooring for courtyard and
Portland stone water feature.**

The Project comprises a large government office development over 7 storeys with a glazed courtyard incorporating a restaurant. The building is home to 200 Members of Parliament and approximately 300 office staff. Portcullis was officially opened by the Her Majesty the Queen in Spring 2001.

The site was acquired and prepared for the new construction in early spring of 1998. Situated above Westminster Tube Station and to the Northern end of Westminster Bridge the new Parliamentary Building, Portcullis House commands an impressive position adjacent to the Palace of Westminster.

The Architect, Hopkins Architects approached the British Stone Organisation to source suitable

stone material for the internal courtyard flooring. After reviewing the aesthetics and technical information of differing materials, Bowers Basebed was selected and approved by the Parliamentary Works Directorate for use on the project.

Throughout the production period the Architect and Project Team regularly visited the Quarry and Factory to select suitable blocks and oversee the production processes.

Albion Stone supplied approximately 36m³ of stone over a five month period.

**This project was shortlisted for
the Stirling Prize in 2001.**

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