

The Minerva Building

Identification

EBN	131586
Name	The Minerva Building
Alternative Name	St. Botolph's House
Construction Type	skyscraper
Current Status	unbuilt [cancelled]

Location

Continent Name	Europe	District (1st level)	City of London
Country Name	United Kingdom	Postcode	EC3
State Name	England	Address (as text)	138-139 Houndsditch
Metro Area Name	London Metro Area	Main Address	138-139 Houndsditch
City Name	London		

Map



Description

Architectural style	modernism	Side Usage	shop(s) restaurant
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Main Usage commercial office

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	711.61 ft	Floors (underground)	2
Height (tip)	797.64 ft	Floors (overground)	53
Height (roof)	649.61 ft	Parking places	33
Height (main roof)	649.61 ft	Gross Floor Area (GFA)	Contact us
Height (floor-ceiling)	8.96 ft	Usable Floor Area (UFA)	Contact us
Height (floor-floor)	12.4 ft		

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- A revised planning application for the 53-storey (49 occupiable floors plus 4 plant floors) version was submitted during the week ending July 12th 2002.
- The building would have accommodated up to 10,000 people.
- St. Botolphs now occupies this site.
- If built, The Minerva Building would have been the first building in the City of London to contain more than 1,000,000sq ft of office space. It would have contained four 3,620sq m trading floors, 1,860sq m of retail and a 1,300sq m top-floor restaurant, as well as 33 parking spaces for cars and 355 for bicycles.
- The ground floor would have housed shopping facilities whilst double-decker lifts would have risen to the sky-lobby on the 12th and 13th floors; the building would have featured a panoramic roof terrace and the top floor would have featured a public restaurant, accessed by a dedicated street entrance and scenic lifts.
- The original proposal for this site, known then as St. Botolph's House, was a 14-storey office block. In 2001 this was revised to a 36-storey, 159m (522ft) tall office tower. A post-September 11th revision brought structural and design changes and a further increase in height, to 53-storeys and 216.9m (712ft).
- The Minerva Building was designed to resemble four open books and would have been clad in aluminium and glass; a ventilated façade would have helped in the environmental sustainability of the building with a predicted energy reduction of around 50-60 percent.

Involved companies

Architect.....

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Additional company data available for this building

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Developer	Contact us	Project Management	Contact us
Facade Consultant	Contact us	Quantity Surveyor	Contact us
Facade Maintenance System Supplier	Contact us	Structural Engineering	Contact us

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