

200 Aztec West

Bristol



CZWG's office development at Aztec West Bristol represents a departure of style from the established "hi-tec" idiom of the rest of the business park. The client's brief for this dominant site was for a brick building with a pitched roof together with an increased car parking requirement (essential for 'an office building in the country').

A vehicle turning circle generated the curved form of the main entrances, giving a sense of drama to motorised arrival. These circles are carved into the corners of the square courtyard buildings and, together with the use of a high parapet, give an impression of scale in buildings where the rural idiom of the eaves gutter could never dominate Aztec's contrived 'parkland'. To mitigate the weather-beaten site and the dominance of the parked car over park landscape, CZWG have provided a sheltered lawned quadrangle with fruit trees in the centre of each building.

The scheme consists of two identical buildings which allowed for phased development. Each building can house a number of small office units ranging from 300 – 7000 sq ft. The concept determines the entrances but allows a variation in the number and size of tenancies served by each.

Client: Electrical Supply Nominees and Arlington Securities



Above: The first floor balcony is a device to allow a flexible fire escape from various unit sizes

Below left: The external elevations consist generally of banded red and buff brickwork with pre-cast concrete cills, friezes and lintels

Below right: The building form celebrates the impact of the motor car upon architecture

Address

200 Aztec West Business Park,
Almondsbury, Bristol

Client

Electrical Supplies Nominees
(Phase 1)
Arlington Securities (Phase 2)

Local Authority

Avon District Council

Content

5,000m² offices

Contract Value

£2.9 million

Completion Date

December 1998

Main Contractor

Walter Lawrence (Phase 1)
Higgs and Hill (Phase 2)

Consultants

Structural
Peter Brett, Bristol
Environmental
Ferguson and Partners, Bristol
Cost
Gardiner & Theobald, London
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