One Crown Place

19 Sun St, London EC2A 2FJ

Heritage and townscape were of equal importance for this project. The site had been the subject of proposals for years with particular dispute about the future of the unlisted Georgian terrace in Sun Street and various less coherent heritage buildings on the north side. The city block formed a complete conservation area in itself.

An approved scheme had been given for an inelegant ground-scraper office building which retained only half the terrace. The new client saw value, however, in keeping more heritage by diversifying uses, minimising office and driving the project as a residential led scheme. KPF Architects and ourselves collaborated on the design with excellent results. This led to a hotel in the restored full terrace, a podium of office use across two floors above a floor of retail and two towers of residential. Townscape views were essential to prove that no heritage assets were harmed by visibility and that the two towers would be of high quality design and sufficiently elegant.

CLIENT

- AlloyMtd Group

SECTOR

- Residential and Retail

STATUS

- Built

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- Hackney, London

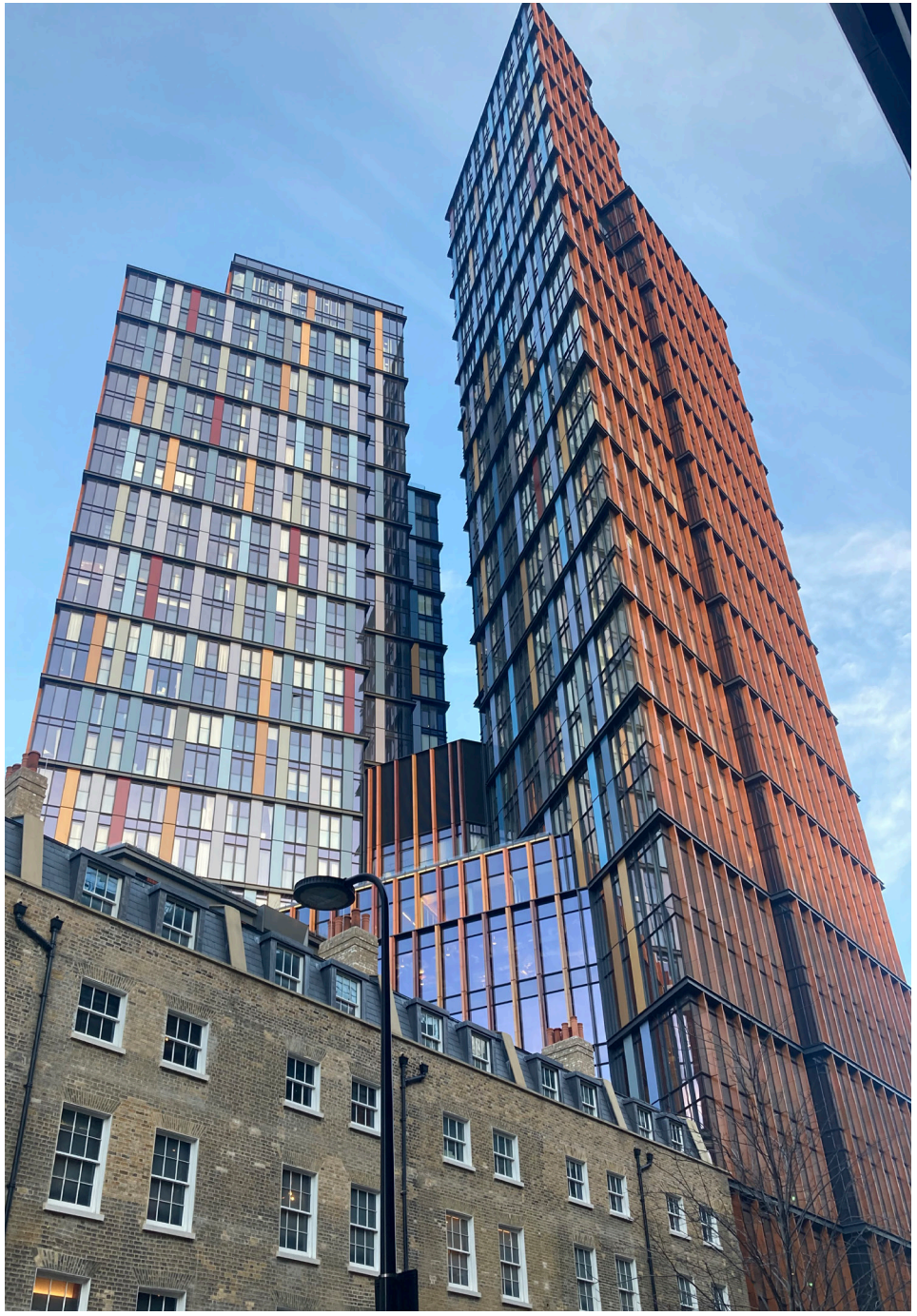
SERVICES PROVIDED

- Heritage
- Townscape and Visual Assessment
- Tall buildings
- Environmental Statement



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The only parts of the conservation area not part of the project were the listed pub and the locally listed chapel seen in this view. The five storey office building beyond the chapel was refurbished and re-clad. Further set-back floors were added offering onto a landscaped terrace. As part of the restoration of the complete terrace of unlisted Georgian houses for hotel use, an additional dormered level was added. An access route from Sun Street to a yard separated the terrace from the high building which accommodates office at the lower level and residential in the two towers. Careful choice of materiality related to that of the retained elements; the high quality of the architecture and the beneficial mix of uses, enabled the consultancy to proclaim an overall heritage balance resulting in an overall assessment of enhancement to the character and appearance of this small conservation area.

The scheme is now complete.