

The Smokehouse ^{New!}

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Design Concept

Pringle Richards Sharratt in 2009 were selected through competition to design a fish and chips restaurant on a very small site within Folkestone Harbour to show case some of the best take away sea food created by Mark Sargent.

The brief was to create a contemporary fish and chip shop with an open friendly feel and to make the most of the existing building. Pringle Richards Sharratt were also asked to create some fabulous overnight rooms – which was an interesting twist to the brief

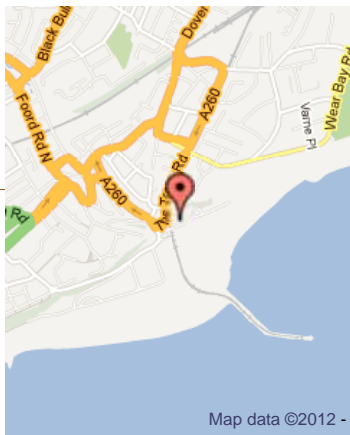
This was more than an internal refurbishment of an existing building, it was also an urban regeneration project and the designers wanted to preserve the character and nature of some of the older elements of the building and reflect some of the traditional materials in their solution. The site is small and constrained by roadways on three sides. Pringle Richards Sharratt wanted to avoid air conditioning in the dining space so we made use of automated passive ventilation

A double height dining area was created with the south elevation turned into a double height wall of glass providing stunning views out across the cobbled street next to the harbour. Black shiplap cladding was removed and placed on the rear wall of the dining room. Stone paving runs from inside to out and subtly coloured joinery bookends the space with a stainless steel fish sculpture hanging above the diners

With the design fully supported by Folkestone's planning and conservation officers consent was awarded in April 2010 and work started on site in August. The restaurant opened in time for the second Folkestone Triennial in the summer of 2011 with a specially commissioned artwork that was hung from the ceiling in the dining room.

Listing Details

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| Architect | Pringle Richards Sharratt |
| Architect's Website | www.prsarchitects.com |
| Project Location | 1-3 Back Steet, Folkestone Harbour, Folkestone, United Kingdom, CT19 6NN |
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