

GLA Building - London - UK



Politicians

Hot Air

now under control at the GLA Building

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This new and striking piece of modern architecture, which sits opposite the Tower of London, and next to Tower Bridge, houses the Mayor of London and his assembly. It provides 17,000 square metres of accommodation on ten levels. Its glass enclosure invites the public to watch the assembly at work. The top floor is available for exhibitions or functions for up to 200 people.

The building's unique, offset spherical design has a built in environmentally sustainable energy system, which reduces the running costs to 25% of what they would have been using traditional methods. The cutting edge design also incorporates a natural ventilation system.

Much of the interior is open plan, which necessitated the inclusion of Coopers Fire Barriers at high level to separate the auditorium from the walkways. The barriers are fitted with voice warning systems and "split drop" delays, ensuring that upon initiation, the barrier will provide the essential smoke containment, followed by full fire containment. Coopers also designed and fitted "Bomb Blast" Barriers in the mail room, separating it from the car park.