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A QUESTIONING ARCHITECTURE

Developing an appropriate process for architectural design is the key to realising the aspirations of clients and society. Clients seek answers to challenges. Through collaboration between individuals with different experiences, lateral thinking can dislodge preconceptions. By asking the right questions we can reinterpret requirements by offering new insights.

In a globalising world there are benefits in architects sharing experience outside our own cultural and climatic environments, learning from each other, and challenging local conventions. This need not lead to a new homogenised International Style, but greater innovation related to specific context and brief. We must develop our own solutions by first defining the right questions to ask.

The character of architecture at Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios comes from defining these important questions, and approaching their solution with an open mind.