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WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Helmut Jacoby (1926-2005)



As 'one of the foremost architectural renderers of the 20th century' and 'master of the perspective', the legendary Helmut Jacoby was commissioned by Milton Keynes Development Corporation in 1968 to create city centre's most enduring images, even before anything was built.

'I'd been obsessed with Jacoby's drawings since I was a child. I grew up in Milton Keynes and the environment of that place is key to my work. The drawings create a kind of cosmology of a city... very utopian... a kind of parallel universe, an ideal for living...'

Gareth Jones, Artist

'I remember showing Jacoby the plans of the building before construction. I explained how things worked... I was absolutely gobsmacked when those drawings came back – one of the great experiences! In terms of accuracy and what they portray, they were 'photo-realist' drawings, monochrome. Fantastic!'

Syd Green, MKDC Team Project Manager for CMK 1973-79

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