

# CASE STUDY – *World Squares Project, Trafalgar Square*

**Client:**

Greater London Authority

**Architect:**

Foster & Partners

**Quantity Surveyor:**

David Langdon & Everest

**Principal Contractor:**

Fitzpatrick Contractors Ltd

**Construction Manager:**

Schal Construction  
Management

**Value:** £500k

**Date:** 2002-2003



## **Description**

Work was carried out to convert the road access outside the steps to The National Gallery to a large pedestrianised area.

## **The works involved:**

- The north wall was re-modeled to incorporate a large flight of steps facilitating direct public access to the square for people to enjoy new shops and a café in the perimeter wall of the square.
- Before commencing work the existing granite was recorded for size, location and condition together with all existing furniture being catalogued.
- Temporary loading beams and scaffold were designed to handle the massive slabs of granite – some weighing 2.8 tonnes.
- Busts from existing walls were relocated to new positions to the right hand side of the square.
- Many stones were transported to their original Cornish point of extraction to be carefully cut to form slimmer profiles and reused to form the flank walls.