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Our iconic Thames Water pumping station on the Isle of Dogs has been declared a Grade II\* listed building by Historic England.

## An essential asset.

This storm water pumping station in east London has been in operation since it was designed by British architect John Outram and built in the late 1980s.

It becomes active during periods of heavy or prolonged rain, when the main sewer network fills up, and pumps excess storm water to the River Thames to prevent flooding.

However, the building certainly doesn't look like the average pumping station, so it has always attracted attention from passers-by.

**“John Outram’s pumping station was one of the most exciting buildings of the 1980s.**

**Outram exulted in the panache and exuberance of Classicism, and gave this utterly functional structure an exterior which is unforgettable.**

**It’s vital we keep the List up to date: it’s really exciting that we are starting to see the very best of Post-Modern buildings find their place among England’s finest works of architecture”**

*- Roger Bowdler, Historic England’s Director of Listing.*

**Photos of the unique Isle of Dogs pumping station by Historic England.**



## New listed status.

Thanks to its unique design by John Outram, the storm water pumping station was given listed status in June 2017.

It's the first listing to come out of Historic England's Post-Modernism project, but many other modern buildings look set to follow suit.

The new listed status won't change the way the site operates, and it will continue to play an important role in managing storm water and reducing the risk of flooding on the Isle of Dogs for many years to come.

