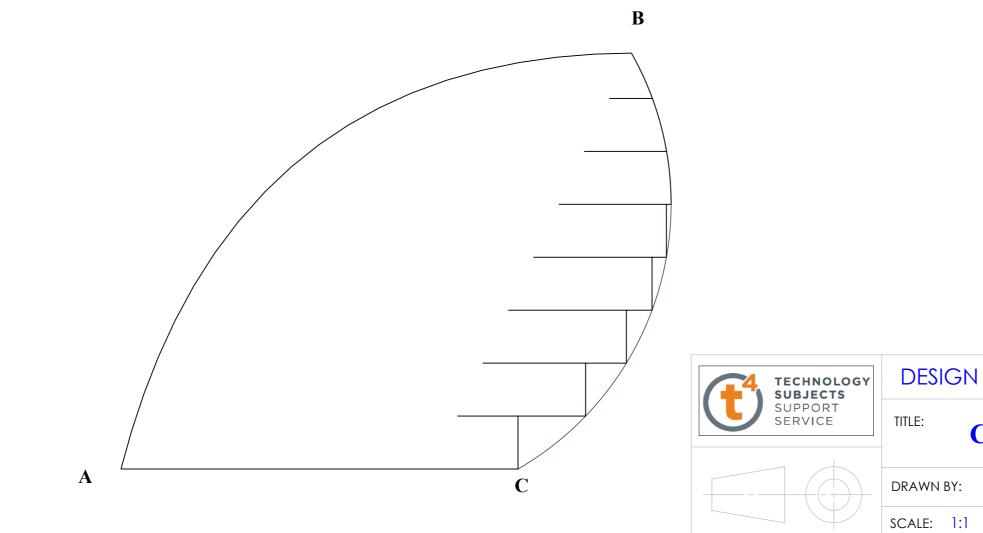


The **Norman Foster** designed **London City Hall**, known as "The Glass Egg", is a building that from the front looks like a boiled egg. Each level is offset slightly from the one below resulting in a slightly curving side and a rapidly curving side.

In the drawing below, A and B are points on the curve of a **parabola**. The **focus** F is 95mm from A and 85mm from B. The centre of the **circular arc** BC lies on the axis of the parabola.

(a) Locate the focus F and determine the position of the directrix and the axis.

(b) Complete the drawing of the London City Hall.



A and B are the same distance from F as they are from the
The axis is drawn to the directrix.
The vertex lies midway between the focus and the
The eccentricity of a parabola is always

**Key Principles:** 

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SIZE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN mm A3

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