

Public buildings

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Community facilities play a key role in
fostering sustainable neighbourhoods

Introducing public buildings



Our work, always collaborative, includes schools, libraries, health centres, community hubs, as well as sports centres, cinemas and public parks. We also specialise in co-location, bringing multiple functions together – a library, a school, artists studios and housing, for example, at Deptford – truly enhancing the public realm.

The public buildings we have designed play a key role in fostering sustainable neighbourhoods, and as co-location specialists we are adept at forging public-private collaborations to fund and maintain these often difficult to finance projects.

We also design commercial leisure facilities, such as cinemas, bars and restaurants for urban regeneration developments while our focus on new rural settlements has involved the creation of village centres to foster local communities.

Always people first



Our studio-wide ‘people-first’ design ethos is supported by in-house specialists – in sustainability, POE and social value – and a dedicated culture of research, publishing and knowledge sharing.

We emphasise not only the way the buildings and places look, but also how they are made, how they are used and how they age too. This is especially true of public buildings, which are typically used by a more diverse demographic.

And we always work closely with all stakeholders, especially a building’s users, aligning their tacit knowledge with our professional insight to design and deliver places people want to part of.

Case studies

Our public buildings range from the small – a community hub and café in Islington – to the complex – Deptford Lounge brings together housing, with workplaces, a school and library – and the huge – Coronation Square include a nursery, café, community halls, a new health hub with 20 GP rooms alongside new and improved sports and leisure facilities.

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Deptford Lounge

Lewisham

“ The Deptford Lounge is a persuasive example of what can be accomplished when cash-stripped institutions share resources and architecture.” ”

This mixed-use project which combines a primary academy, district library, community centre and artists' studios with affordable homes and a market square, provides a new civic heart for Deptford. Taking a unique approach to regeneration, facilities are shared between the school and the community, to enhance the public realm of the Thameside town. These include a rooftop sports pitch, a flexible suite of assembly spaces and a dining hall and kitchen.



Finsbury Leisure Centre Islington

“ The proposals will create a lasting civic legacy for Islington and the Finsbury community. ”

PTE won Islington Council's RIBA competition to masterplan the Finsbury Leisure Centre site. The project includes new leisure and health facilities, a nursery and energy centre, new homes, a new public square and improved public realm. The overall masterplan provides a high level of sustainable design and integration between architecture, structure, services and landscape. This approach is typified in the new energy centre, with glazed frontage and realtime energy production display.



Coronation Square

Waltham Forest

“ This is sustainable city-making in the truest sense. ”

This mixed-use development revitalising The Score Centre in Leyton combines 750 new homes with a vibrant new gathering place surrounded by community facilities. The facilities include a pre-school nursery, café, community halls, sport and leisure facilities and a new health hub with 20 GP rooms, as well as commercial space. The much-needed new housing includes 50% affordable homes.



Meadows Community Centre Cambridge

“ The building is fully accessible and flexible with active frontages to its surroundings, providing an open and welcoming aspect. ”

Meadows Community Centre is a mixed-use development in Cambridge combining a multi-purpose Community Hub with housing. The Arbury-based project includes 78 homes, a new Community Hub and a nursery. As well as the newbuild elements, the project provides extensive new landscaping, flood water and ecological features across the adjacent recreation space. The project is combined with another site at Buchan Street providing 28 new council rented homes, a café and retail space.



Bow Garden Square Mosque

Tower Hamlets

“ The Mosque is not just a place of worship, but a beacon for the entire community. ”

This exciting multi use development in Tower Hamlets is centred around a courtyard school providing a new two form entry Primary School for the popular St Pauls Way Trust school. The housing element is located above the school fronting St Paul’s Way. The development also incorporates a mosque and a terrace of affordable homes.



St Luke's Community Centre Islington

“ Building a stronger community
through learning, wellness and
connection in south Islington. ”

The expansion and refurbishment of the St Luke's Community Centre is funded by 50 new homes. The proposals include two blocks of shared-ownership and private sale apartments looking south towards the city, with a terrace of affordable homes to the rear of the site.



Case studies

East Square Cinema
Basildon



Brockwell Lido
Lambeth



Willow Way
Lewisham



Whitechapel Sports Centre
Tower Hamlets



Gnome House
Walthamstow



Marleigh market square
Cambridge



Muslim Welfare Mosque
Finsbury



Ponders End Youth Centre
Enfield



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