

# Curl la Tourelle Head Architecture



Selected  
Projects

Built

## Empathise and engage

If there's one thing we've learned makes better buildings, it's empathy. Architecture never happens in isolation and simply by being interested and engaged, we've found it's possible to open up the conversations that connect a scheme to its clients and community.

## We ♥ constraints

We believe that the more constraints there are, the better the architecture. If there aren't any constraints, we create them. Challenging sites, existing buildings and complex briefs almost always present incredible opportunities for great design.

## Social detail

If a site's constraints guide the bigger design decisions, then it's empathy that informs the smaller, social details. These details frame the human narratives that aren't included in the brief, anticipating specific moments in the users' lives.

## Passive future

To limit our environmental impact, we start with what is already there. By manipulating the form and fabric of a building—whether new or existing—we can work with the existing conditions of topography, light and orientation, and harness the natural energy sources offered by air, ground and water.

## Mud on our boots

Good architecture is as much about what happens on the building site as it is about what's on the drawing board. By working alongside contractors as well as clients we can ring-fence the ideas and details that matter, championing the quality of the building throughout its construction.

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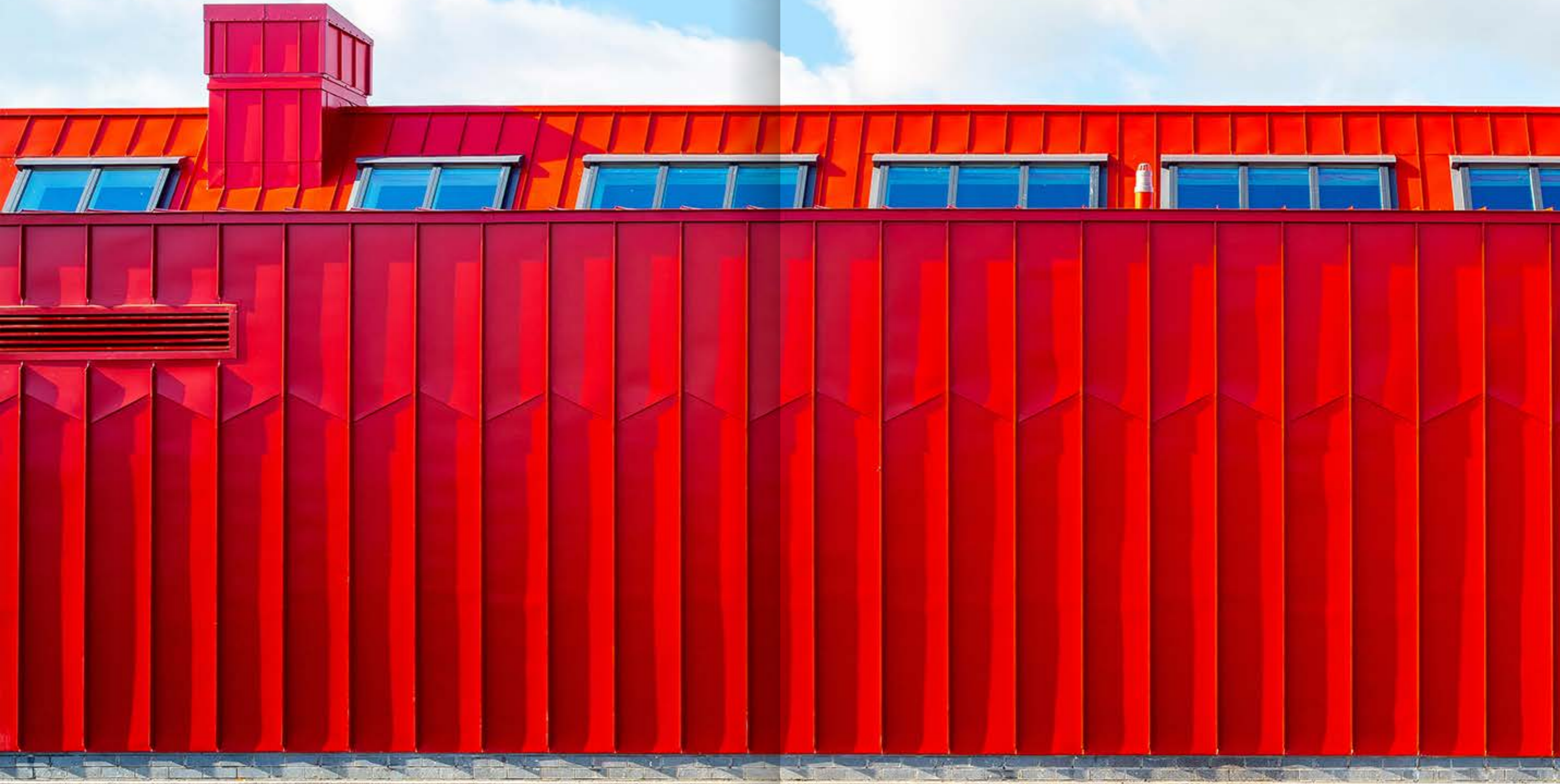
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# Alfreton Park Community School

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AWARD 2024  
WINNER



# RIBA NATIONAL AWARDS 2024

## Alfreton Park Community Special School

Practice Name Curl la Tourelle Head Architecture  
Client Derbyshire County Council  
Contractor Henry Brothers  
Principal Designer PFB Construction  
Structural Engineer Price & Myers LLP  
Services Engineer Method Consulting  
Landscape Architect Faithful & Gould

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## Regional Award Alfreton Park Community Special School

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## Project Architect of the Year 2024 Wayne Head

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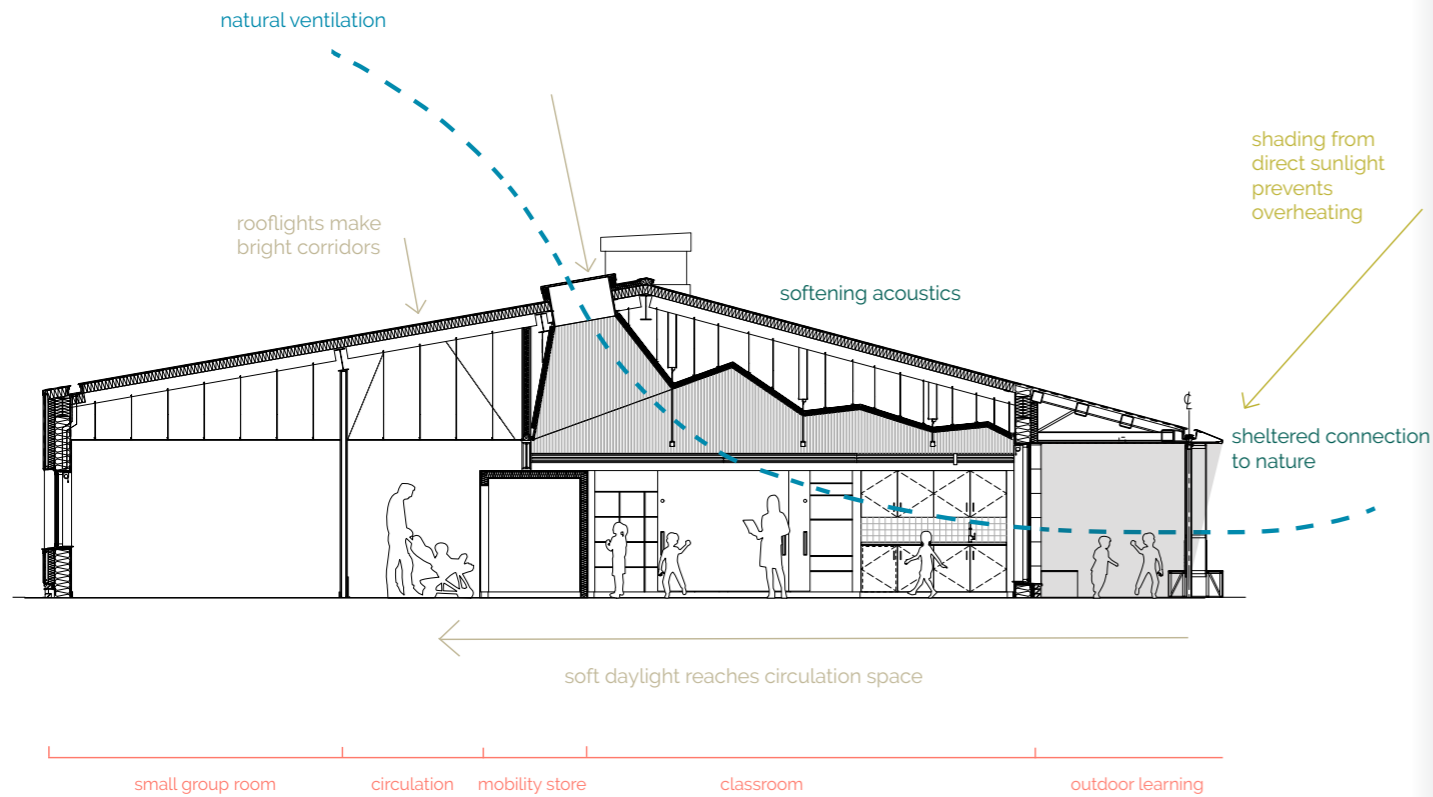
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# '...this school changed my life,'

Ryan Jones,  
student at Alfreton Park





**‘We have had a reduction in behaviour incidents, we see an improvement in communication from the pupils and generally ... pupils are happier,’**

Josie O'Donnell, Headteacher Alfreton



Secure, welcoming and inclusive learning environments

Light filled classrooms

Visibility and surveillance between classrooms and circulation

Sociable circulation

**All through SEND School**

↖ A simple and efficient single storey roof section is used throughout, a generator for elegance in its setting, creating open and light internal spaces for activities

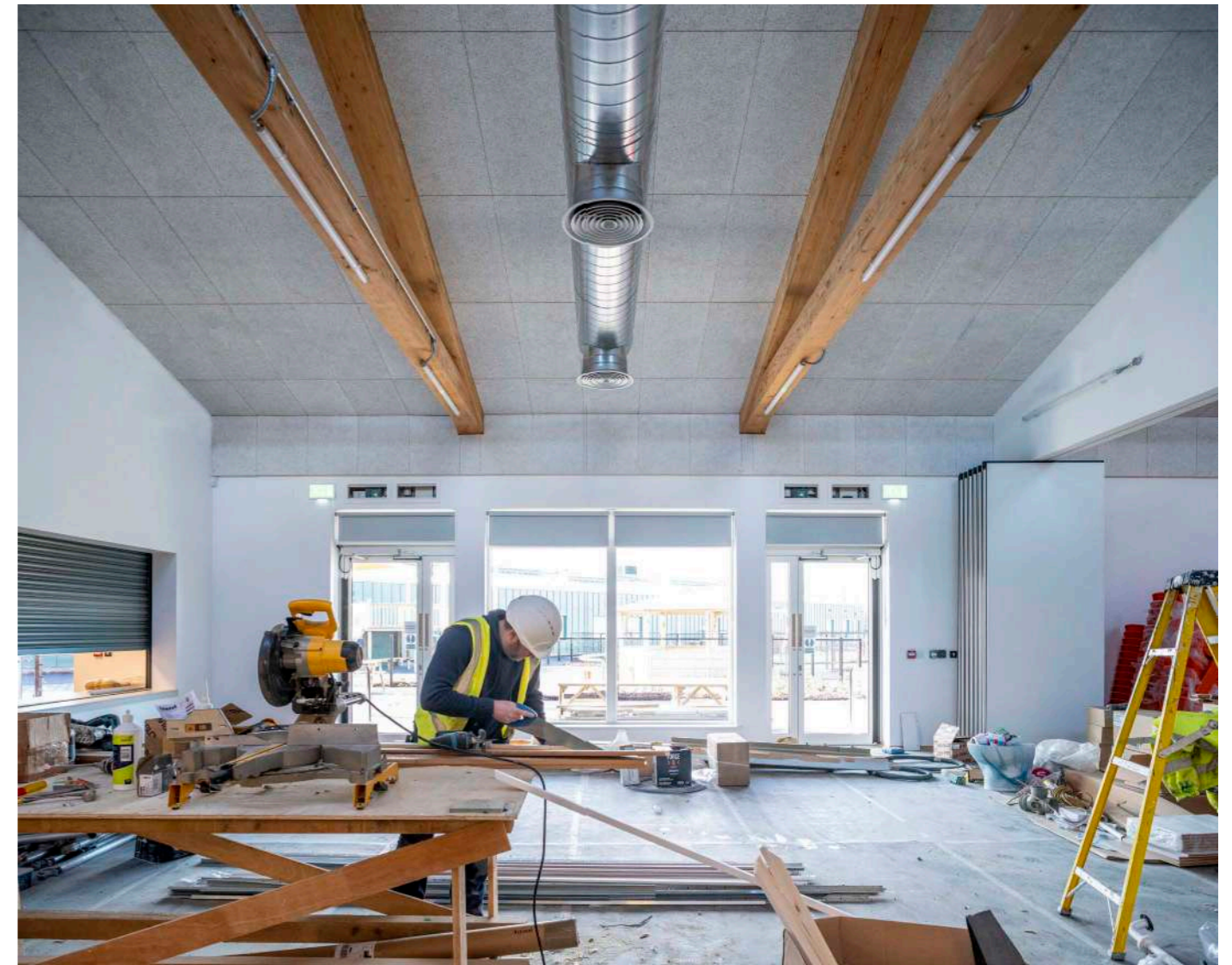






**‘The design has clearly worked. Alferton Park School has an upbeat, social atmosphere and is (as the student roll attests) very popular.’**

Hugh Pearman, RIBA Editor



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CLIENT OF THE YEAR 2024 SHORTLISTED



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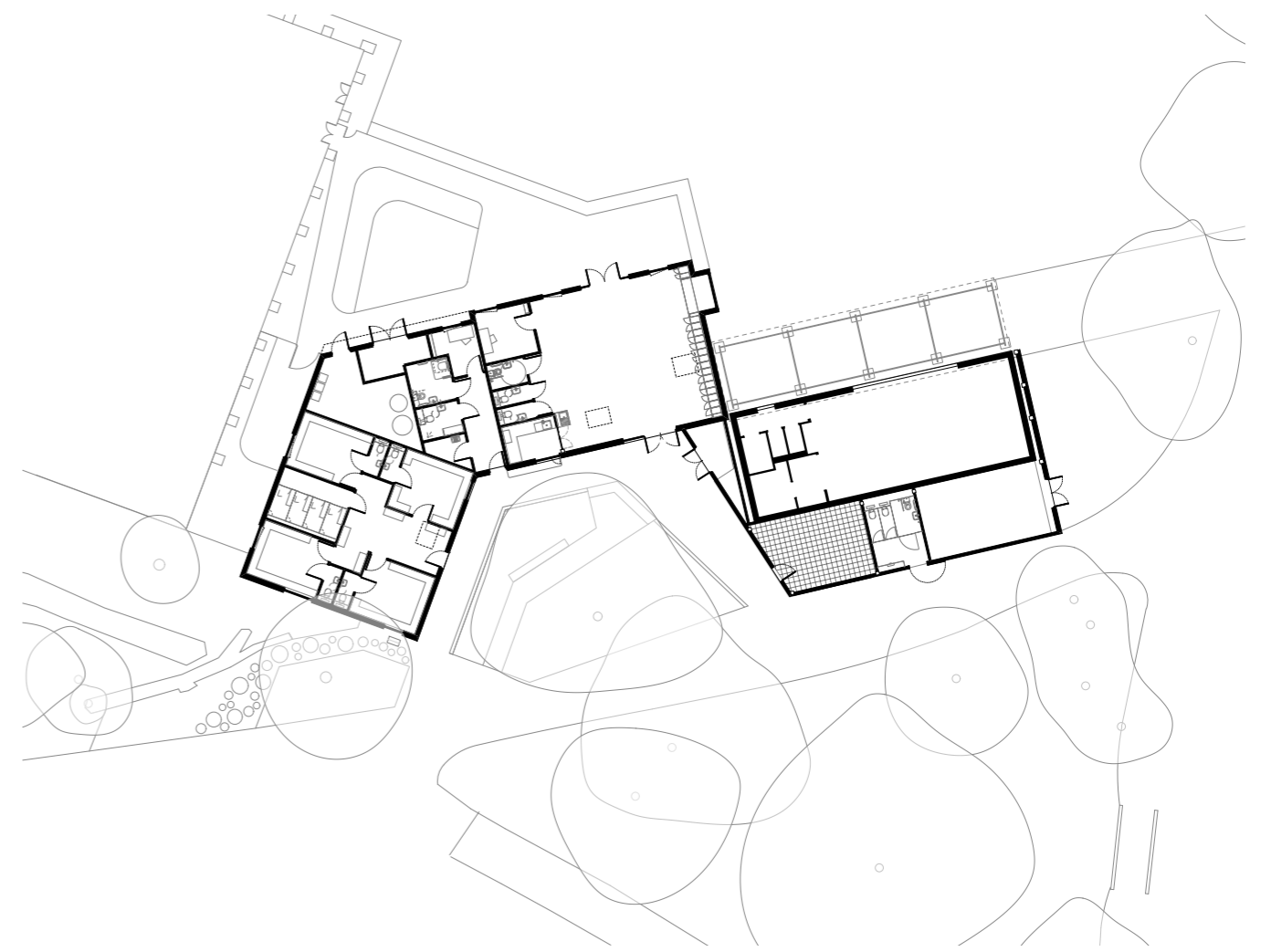
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All through SEND School

# Revitalize Peckham Rye





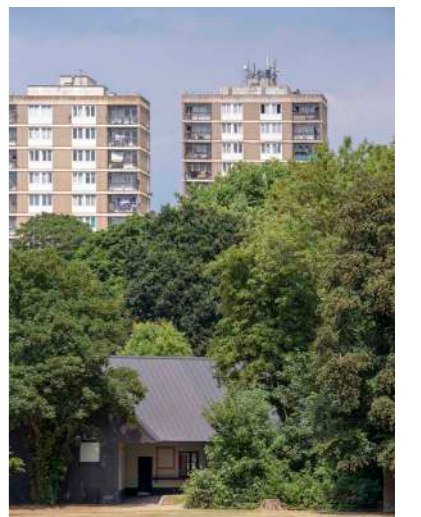
Sensitively arranged around a mature horse chestnut tree, the new-build Peckham Rye Pavilion blends gently into the historic tree-line, looking onto the Park's open playing fields to the south and providing easy access to its facilities.



The pavilion utilises natural light and ventilation where possible, with the tall spaces, skylights and large windows designed to take the best advantage of this.



The design references London's picturesque Victorian park pavilions and features colourful and playful decor inside and out.



Improving public facilities around the parkland area

Structural CLT and finishes

Light and airy spaces

Easy access and visibility

## Off grid learning





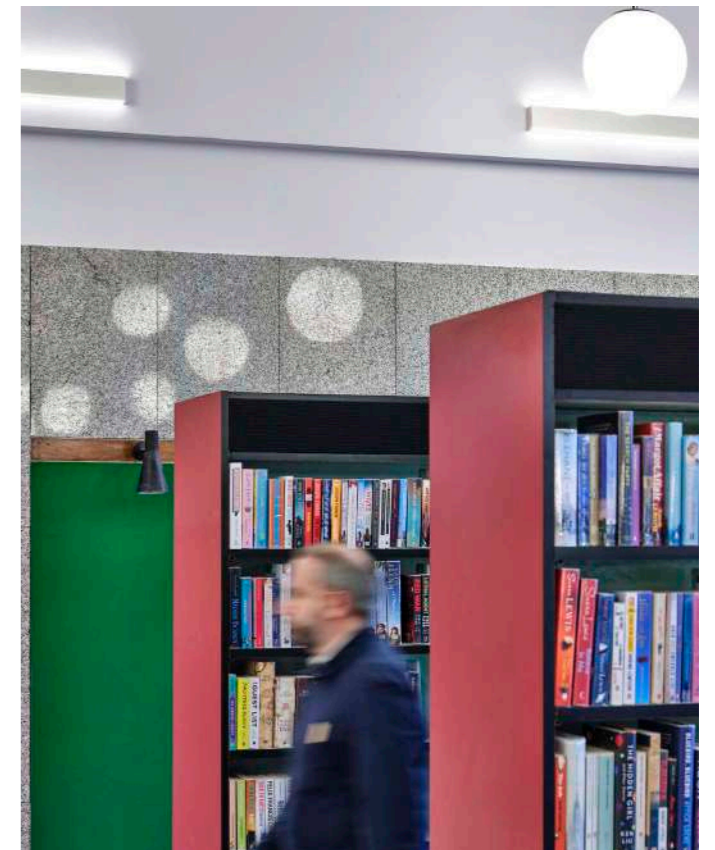
**“The new pavilion in Peckham Rye Park looks fantastic within the landscape. The shape and lines it makes are wonderful close up but when viewed from further away do not detract from the views of the park it sits in.”**

Will Walpole, Environment and Social Regeneration Manager, LB Southwark



# Hornsey Library





The leaking windows were replaced with like for like, double glazed windows to improve the thermal qualities of the library.



The project featured on the front cover of the RIBA Journal in April 2021.



We retained the original book stacks with cord upholstery and glazed backing to maintain the mid-century modern character of the interior.

Reactivating historic public facilities

Careful restoration of a mid-century modern library

Ensuring the longevity of the building through fabric improvements

Improving access for all

**Respecting Architectural Character**

# Whitehall Museum, Sutton





↑ Restored weatherboarding dating back to the 1600s. The sundial was erected in memory of the first chairman of the Friends of Whitehall



↑ The museum photographed in 1925 had its characteristic white weatherboarding before falling into disrepair in the 20th century

Grade II\* listed timber framed building dating back to the Tudor period

Green building techniques

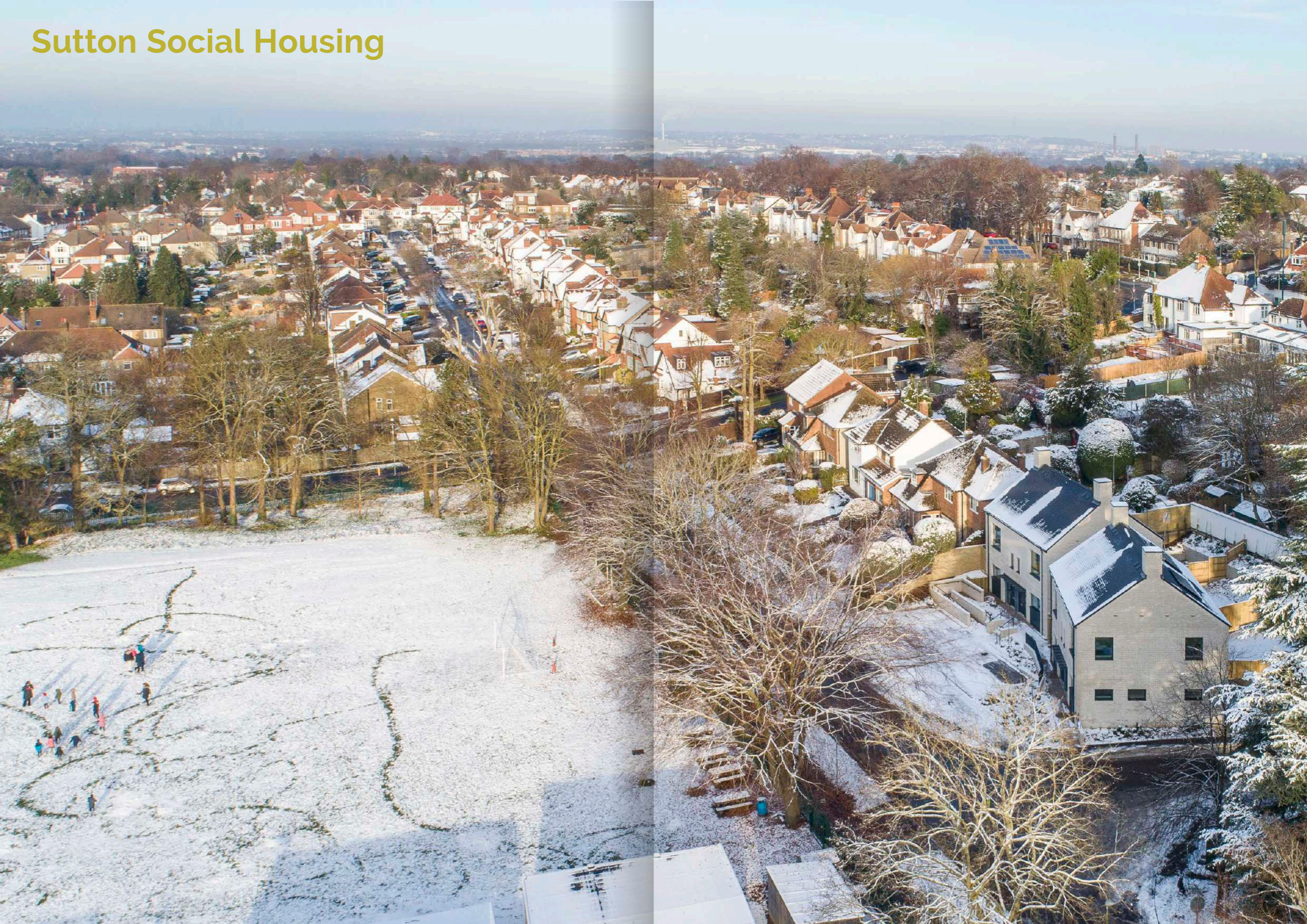
Careful repairs to the historic fabric

Creating an accessible environment for all

## Accessing History

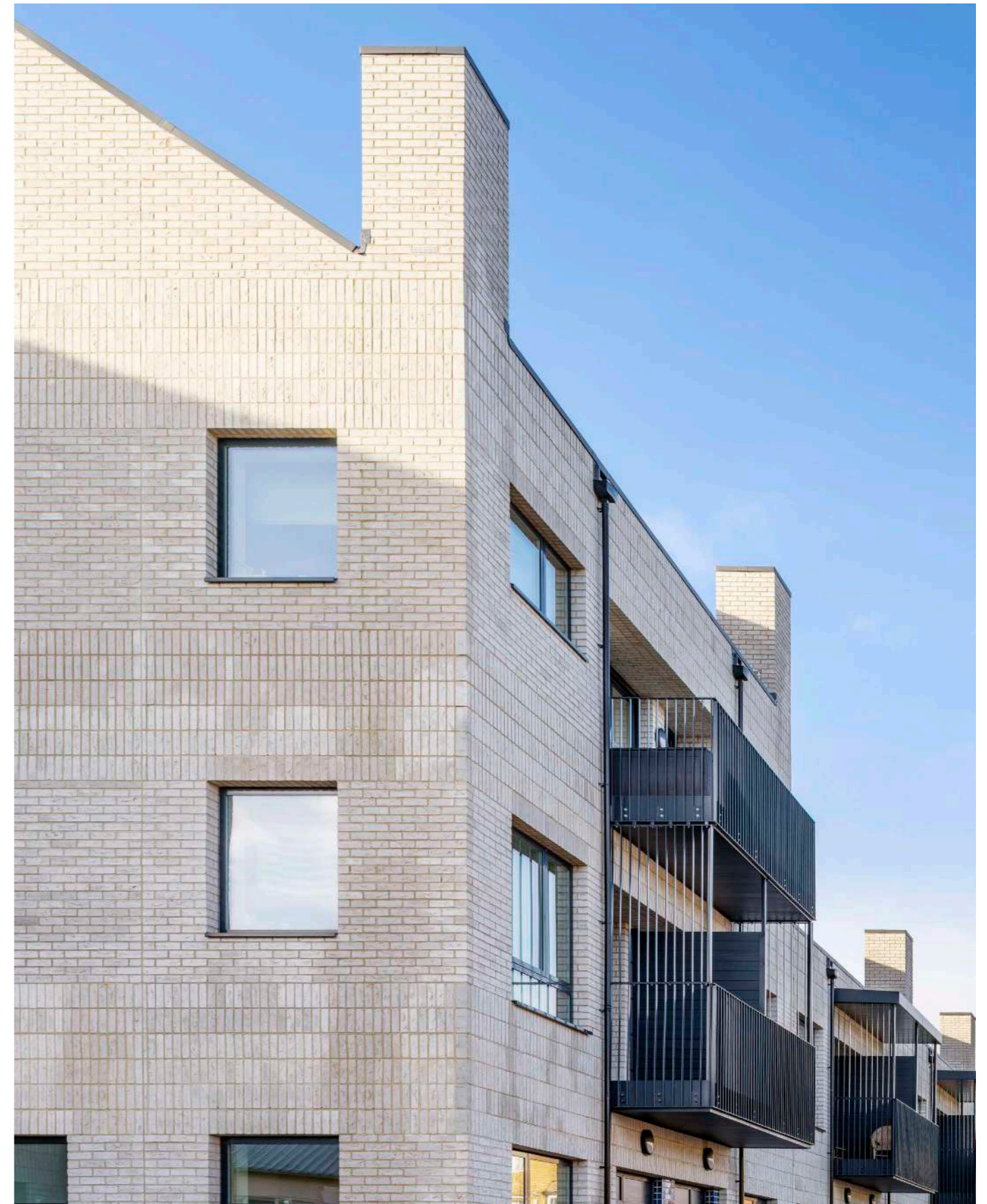


# Sutton Social Housing





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Early sections exploring the contextual conditions of specific sites. Some were small and only offered the opportunity to construct a couple of new homes; others had space for larger-scale housing with multiple units.



Front to Back





The site had a tough urban setting behind some garages, so we gave the homes walled gardens to offer sanctuary and safety



This environmental section shows our early intent to build with a cross-laminated timber (CLT) frame, giving a natural, almost Scandinavian, quality to the inside spaces. The distinctive chimneys respond to the suburban location and also assist with the passive ventilation of the homes.

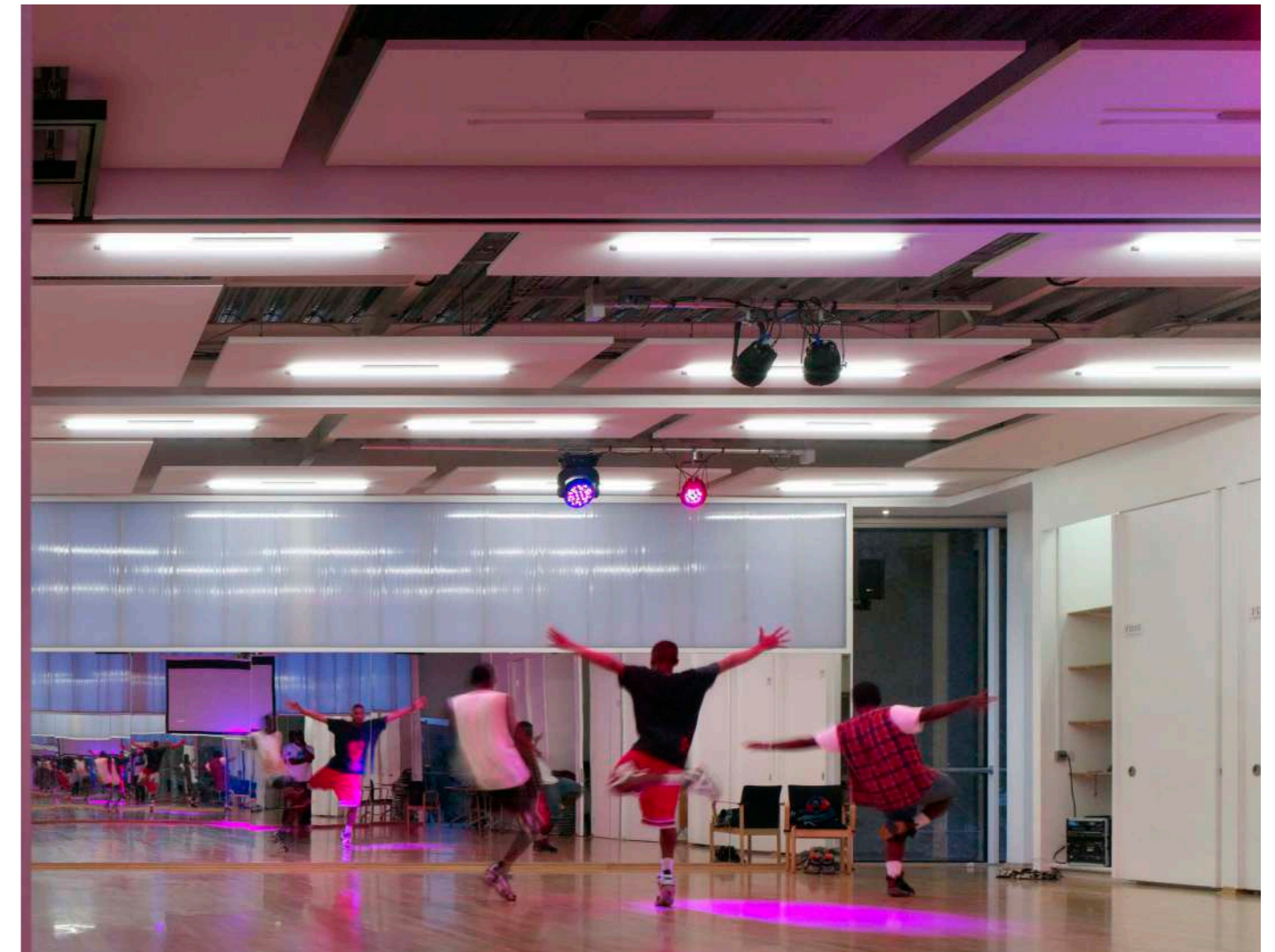


Front to Back



# Unity Hub at Graig Park





**“The building is truly a manifestation of the ethos and intention of Enfield’s Youth and Family Support Service to reach out to young people in a deprived area of North London.”**

Series of functional, dynamic and flexible informal learning spaces

Youth led design

Visibility and surveillance from surrounding park

**Diversity in learning**

# Priory School, Croydon







Outdoor learning and social activities

Skywalk through the tree canopy to mature woods

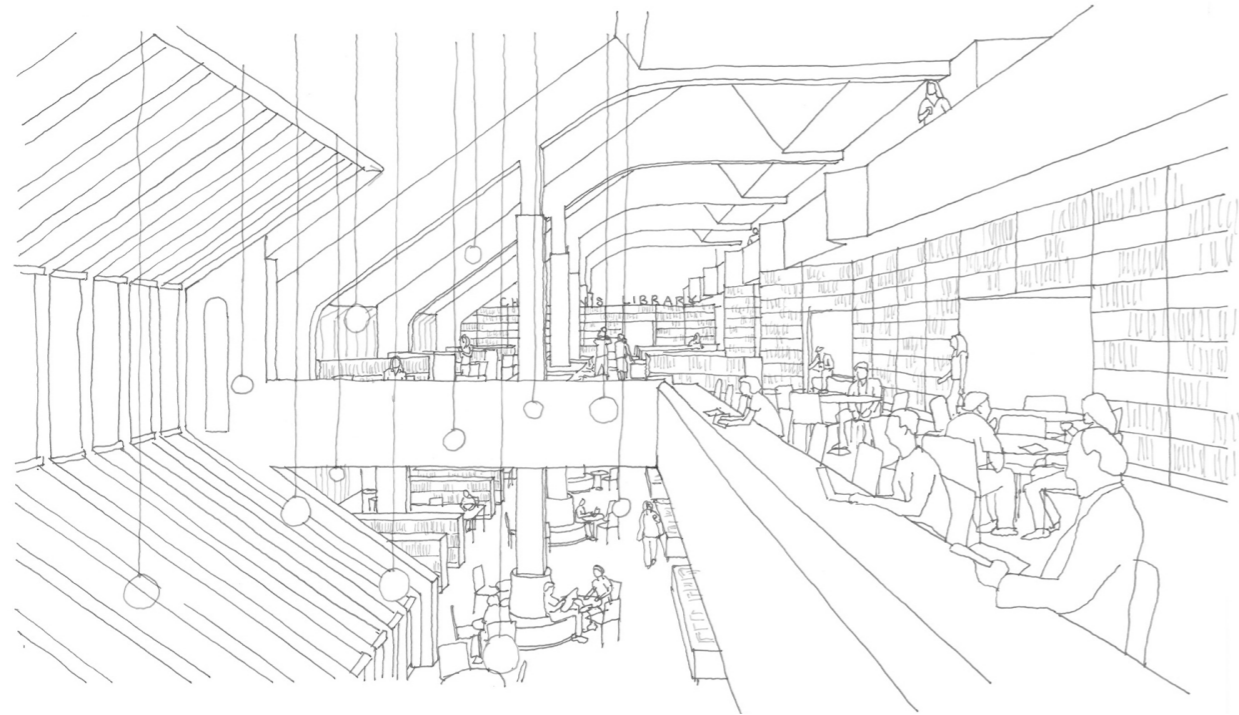
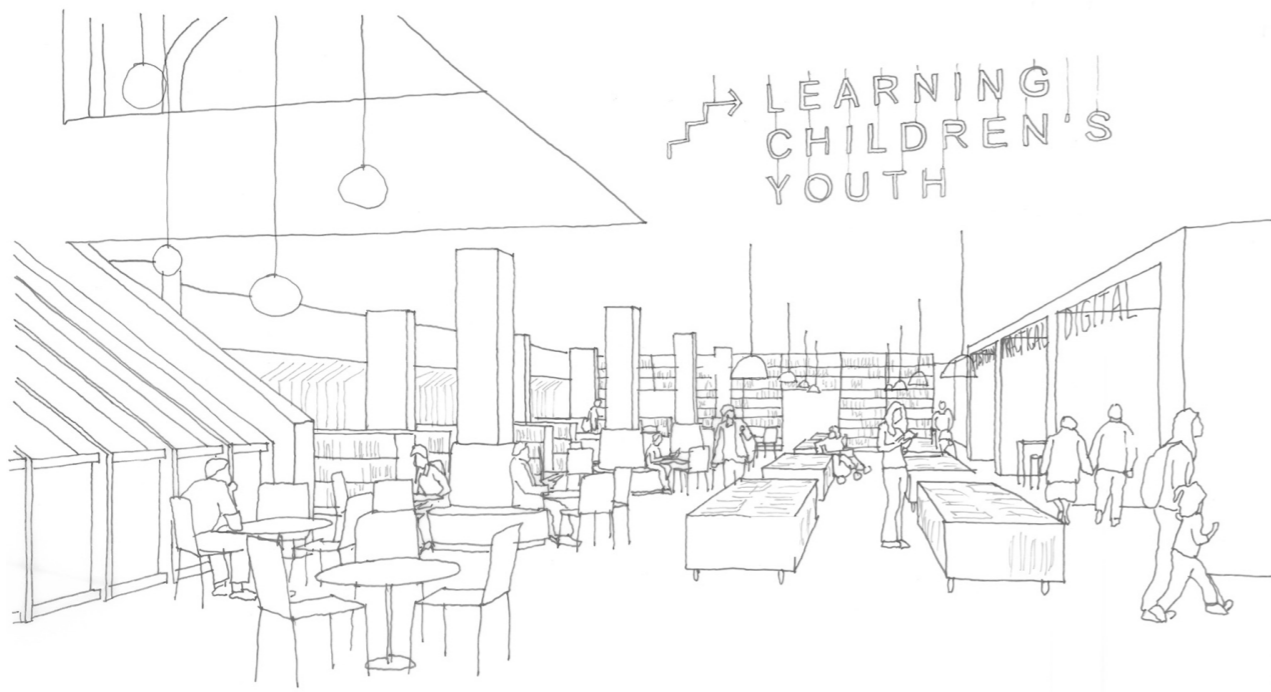
Extended roof with play terraces and multi-games areas

## Forest School



# Carlisle Library, Cumbria





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Early sketch of Children Library with the 'Island of Play' in the middle

←  
Early sketches of Carlisle Library as a Digital Hub

Revitalisation of a Grade II Listed community asset

Embedding playfulness into the design

Diversifying participation in local asset

Digital Community Learning Hub

## Embedded playfulness



Childrens Library

← WCs  
Baby Change  
Buggy Store

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

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## Selected Projects

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CLTH are signatories of the RIBA Inclusion Charter and are fully committed to making architecture more inclusive.

**Winner: RIBA National Award 2024: Alfreton Park Community School**

**Winner: RIBA East Midlands Building of the Year: Alfreton Park Community School**

**Winner: Civic Trust Awards 2024: Alfreton Park Community School**

**Finalist: Building Awards 2024 - Delivering Social Value**

**Finalist: London Construction Awards 2024 - Excellence in Community Engagement: Your Bruce Grove**

Winner: RIBA East Midlands Project Architect of the Year 2024

Winner: RIBA East Midlands Client of the Year 2024

Winner: RIBA East Midlands Award 2024

Winner: Civic Trust Awards 2024, Special Education Award: Alfreton Park Community School

Winner: AJ Architecture Awards 2023, Education: Alfreton Park Community School

Shortlisted: Building Awards 2024, Delivering Social Value: Alfreton Park Community School

Shortlisted: Education Estates Awards 2024, Inspiring Learning Spaces: Alfreton Park Community School

Shortlisted: Education Estates Awards 2024, Project of the Year Inclusive Design: Alfreton Park Community School

Shortlisted: Education Estates Awards 2024, Project of the Year School: Alfreton Park Community School

Shortlisted: Building Design Social Value Architect of the Year 2023

Longlisted: MacEwen Awards 2024, Architecture for the common Good: Hornsey Library

Shortlisted: Selwyn Goldsmith Awards 2024 for Universal Design: Alfreton Park Community School

Shortlisted: RIBA London Awards 2023: Hornsey Library

Winner: Inspire Future Generations Award 2022, Diversity in Action: Newham Virtual School

Winner: Haringey Design Awards 2021, Better Building Standards: Hornsey Library

Finalist: Architect of the Year Awards 2021: Public Building Architect of the Year