

Hale Methodist Church and Apartments



Project Details

We acted as architects on a design and build contract to redevelop Hale Methodist Church, which had become unsustainable and uneconomical to run and repair. The Church required new apartments for shared ownership and a community facility for Hale Methodists.

Essential Case Study Components

Key features

- Establishing a clear Client Brief. This was particularly important as the various user groups had specific needs in this development which included pre-schools, adult learning, worship and lunchtime clubs.
- Designing a multi-function space compliant with the requirements for all funding stakeholders, for example, HCA, and also to meet the needs of the user group.
- Identifying risks to the project, then innovating and mitigating risks. For example: reuse of the stained glass windows and retention of part of the facade.
- Establishing a pragmatic, sustainable, and solutions focused development which is easy for the tenants to live in and responds to the needs of users of the community rooms to address fuel

poverty.

- Less carbon emissions and less waste.
- Supporting the local authority in providing excellent services.
- Low maintenance and low life cycle costs.

Successful Outcomes

- The new hall is now a vibrant Church and Community facility. The new apartments have provided affordable accommodation which assisted in funding the new hall.
- We delivered the service within a tight time frame and limited budget. We successfully value engineered all aspects of the design to ensure it was always solutions focused. A smarter procurement delivered significant savings.
- We exceeded the key project principals and objectives set out at the beginning and added value by:
 - Exceeding the Code for sustainable homes 'very good' scores.
 - Successfully managing risk of the retention of original features by working closely and collaboratively with the specialists.
 - Designing excellent places to live which have been delivered on site.
 - Providing a low maintenance building for the community with long life cycles for the components.

Photographs of Scheme

