



## Nechells Baths, Birmingham

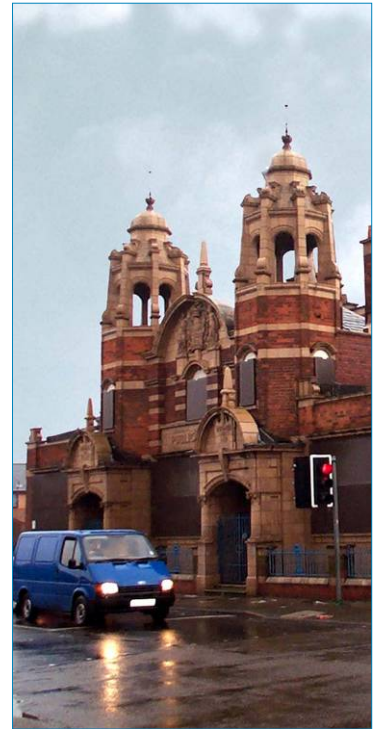
Nechells Baths, which was constructed in 1902, like many amenities from the period, was closed during the latter part of last century, unable to compete with the modern, more energy efficient, new leisure centres which have been developed. Many towns and cities still have their own 'baths' or 'lidos', some still in operation, but most disused. Due to their architecture, many have been listed, further limiting the development potential of these buildings.

TPS working with a local charity produced a creative design proposal for the grade II listed building, which was accepted by the local authority, and supported by the local community, transforming it into a community centre and women's refuge. The building was refurbished under a £5m project to include a sports centre, recording studio, canteen, crèche and care facilities and a secure home for women fleeing domestic difficulties.

The new entrance portico features re-cycled demolition materials as part of a sustainable and environmental strategy, the extension over an original well-room features a wave wall clad in natural copper and the 'rotunda' features a strong masonry, stone and glass form at the terminal point on the corner of the site.

Following Planning Approval, and consultation with Heritage Lottery and ERDF Fund advisors obtained approval for funds in the order of £2.8m that was match funded by other sponsorships and donations to Midlands Regen a company established to develop the project for The Birmingham Foundation.

### PROJECT PROFILE



#### CLIENT

Midland Region/  
Birmingham Foundation

#### PROJECT VALUE

Approx. 3.3m

#### SERVICES

- Architecture
- M&E
- Structural Engineering
- Interior Design