

5 Pancras Square

Scheme address: 5 Pancras Square, N1C
Architect: Bennetts Associates Architects
Developer: Argent King's Cross Limited Partnership
Client/owner: Camden Council
Completed: 2014
Scheme description: 5 Pancras Square provides community services including swimming pools, a gym, library, cafe and ten floors of Council office space. Delivered by Argent and its design/construction team, 5 Pancras Square is an uplifting, spatially diverse, enduring civic building. It is transparent and highly accessible, with a series of spectacular voids that animate the circulation spaces and bring daylight deep within the interior. Modern fit for purpose office accommodation for Council staff, generates running cost savings and supports an efficient agile working style.

Residents' feedback was used to shape the design of public facilities, and has proved a great success, with Contact Camden getting 1,500 customers weekly, the leisure centre attracting over 4,000 members and over 100,000 visits since opening, and the library has an average of 20,000 visits per month.

The project is a confident statement of social, economic and environmental sustainability, and has achieved the highest BREEAM Outstanding score for a UK building of its type.

Panel comments: *"Camden's new offices along with community facilities of a library & fitness centre tread a careful line, providing much needed high quality accommodation whilst demonstrating good value for money & low running costs. The welcoming Civic functions work well alongside the offices. The inventive use of the atrium at the heart of this modern Town Hall allow ease of communication and a sense of common purpose. Envious views over the tree tops of nearby parks make this dense development seem surprisingly connected with nature despite its proximity to a major infrastructure hub."*



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