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NEWSLETTER



INTRODUCTION

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS



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Welcome to the Winter edition of our newsletter. Its six months since our last edition and time for an update on this busy period for the practice.

The year has seen tremendous challenges and once again we would like to offer our gratitude to all the staff in the NHS, at both primary and secondary care alongside the teachers, key workers, delivery drivers and everyone that keeps the country moving along.

When we last wrote we were preparing our own offices for re-opening. We have been back in since Mid-May and the togetherness of having the studio open is a key reason for the success of the studio and the business.

The newsletter looks at current projects in the various stages of development and some recent new commissions that we have won during the last 6 months. We are busy across a wide spectrum of sectors and continue to support clients in their development plans. Our strength comes from being able to offer a multi-disciplinary design service across Architecture, Interior Design, Conservation, BIM and Design Project Management.

The newsletter demonstrates this range; from the latest new project with Northumberland Council to a new school win with Interserve in Middlesbrough, following the previous success with the Mo Mowlam Academy in Redcar.

Medical Centres in London, sensitive conservation projects, to large housing schemes through to innovative one off houses: the practice has been alive and well and continuing to win significant commissions.

We are able to communicate with Clients in our own offices, meeting all the safety requirements for safe 'face to face' meetings or virtual meetings. Zoom / Teams have now become the normal day to day operation with our offices having multiple meeting spaces. We believe that business must try and operate as normal as possible in these times. Our clients have certainly appreciated our approach.

The practice has been working through all the live projects on site, design applications and the variety of new commissions that have come through the doors.

We have seen growth in a lot of sectors and although some sectors went quiet in the initial period of the lockdown, they are now looking to recommence. We see genuine reasons to be optimistic. The leaflet gives an indication of the breath, scale and complexity of current works undertaken by HL.

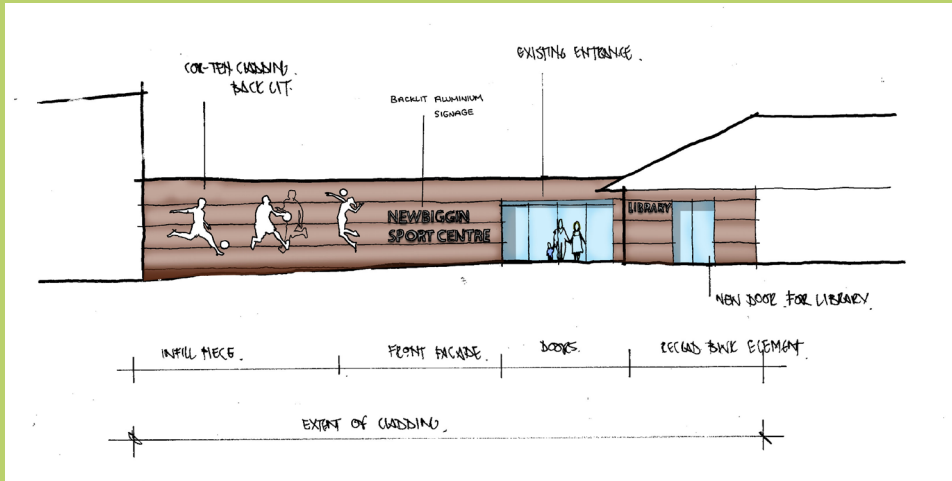
So it has been business as 'the norm' at Howarth Litchfield and if you need any advice please do not hesitate to get in contact with one of the Directors to discuss.

NEW PROJECTS

NEWBIGGIN, SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Howarth Litchfield is pleased to announce that we have been awarded Architectural Lead for the refurbishment and remodel of Active Northumberland's Newbiggin by the Sea Sports and Community Centre.

The HL team will be working with Northumberland County Council, residents, local sports clubs and end users to ensure they are provided with an aspirational sports and community hub.



Newbiggin Sports & Community Centre - Concept Sketch

REDCAR CENTRAL STATION

We have been awarded another exciting heritage commission with Redcar and Cleveland Council for the restoration and redevelopment of the Grade II Listed former Redcar Central Station building.

Designs will create a vibrant destination hub for those arriving and departing by train or public transport to and from Redcar. The designs for the space will give visitors access to an interesting mix of retail, leisure, bars and business facilities.



Redcar Central Station

GOING GREEN AT DURHAM COUNCIL'S MORRISON BUSTY DEPOT

Durham County Council have ambitious plans to help respond to the climate change agenda and work towards being carbon neutral by 2050.

HL have been appointed to help develop their Morrison Busty Depot into becoming one of the first truly carbon neutral depots in the UK. HL has carried out a rationalisation and master plan which has identified a package of innovative, low carbon, whole place solutions including thermal upgrades to the buildings, solar farm panels, battery storage and EV charging points. These upgrades will not only reduce energy consumption but generate green, clean electricity for site use.



Solar Farm

ONGOING PROJECTS

PLANNING GRANTED FOR STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AT WHITELOCK STREET, LEEDS

HL are delighted to announce that Alumno's student development on Whitelock Street, Leeds has been granted planning permission by Leeds City Council.

The new 11,955 square metre project will not only see the regeneration of a run-down, disused site but will also provide 105 residential units to house 411 of the city's students.

Students will be able to choose from 53 studios and a range of 4 to 8 bedroom cluster flats within the 6/7 storey planned building. They will also have access to communal areas, a central hub, gym, cinema, laundry room, roof terrace garden and secure bicycle storage.

The development will also provide studio and gallery space for emerging local artists on the ground floor, which will be managed by local award-winning non-profit organization East Street Arts.



Student Accommodation Leeds - 3D Visualisation

DISCOVERY SCHOOL, MIDDLESBROUGH

Howarth Litchfield have been appointed by Interserve, as part of their team, as lead designer for the new build Discovery Special Academy in Middlesbrough. HL will also be providing Interior design, principal design duties and building information modelling (BIM) services.

The Academy will provide specialised support for up to 84 pupils with severe learning difficulties, including those with physical disabilities, multi-sensory impairments and complex medical problems.

The proposed designs for the Academy's interiors have been specially developed to allow for the integration of specialist therapeutic interventions such as rebound therapy, sensory stimulation, physiotherapy and soft play, which are key to the overall mental and physical development of the children. Whilst its Indoor and outdoor spaces have been designed to interlink play with learning environments to promote the sound development of all of its pupils.

Formal planning permission has been submitted to Middlesbrough Council, with a decision expected in December 2020.



Discovery School - 3D Visualisation



Kidbrooke - 3D Visualisation

KIDBROOKE

Howarth Litchfield have been working on behalf of the Royal Borough of Greenwich and Greenwich CCG to develop the design of a new Health and Well-being Centre in the heart of the Kidbrooke development.

The facility will bring together GP services, including minor ops facilities, alongside community spaces for yoga, baby groups, meetings, conference and even weddings.

The design has been developed as a collaboration between the council and the CCG to maximise the benefits to the community and create an integrated innovative facility.

NINE ELMS SURGERIES

We are delighted that our proposals for extensions to 2 surgeries in Lambeth have received planning approval.

The proposals to Binfield Road General Practice and the South Lambeth Road Practice are part of the wider proposals across Vauxhall to increase the clinical capacity to meet rising demand from the increased population. The projects have been developed on behalf of Lambeth CCG with collaboration with the practices.

A contractor is now on board and we are looking forward to developing the projects.



Nine Elms - External Elevations

COMPLETED PROJECT



The Coach House - Completion Photo

THE COACH HOUSE, GOSFORTH

HL are delighted to announce that the Coach House project has now been successfully completed.

HL were originally appointed as Architects by McDougall Dodds Ltd in 2018 to develop their ambitious plans for the conversion, extension and restoration of the Grade II Listed building and return it to its former Georgian splendour. The building itself was originally built as the coach house to Croxlodge Hall in 1796 and is one of the only remaining buildings left from the original Croxlodge Estate.

The Coach House has been sympathetically transformed into 8 luxury homes, including 2 houses, 2 bungalows and 4 apartments which ensures the future for this Georgian gem.

UNIVERSITY OF SUNDERLAND DIGITAL INCUBATOR

The new Incubator space at the St Peter's Basin Campus is now complete and has been handed over to the University of Sunderland.

The space is designed to represent a workplace environment where students can pitch ideas and meet with clients from the wider business community. The design integrates IT and AV with the furniture to maximise flexibility and connectivity throughout.

We were delighted to be working with Identity Consult, JH Partners, Roche and Robertson Construction to design and deliver this integrated hub.



University of Sunderland - Completion Photo



ABLE PORTS

HL were appointed by Able UK Ltd as the Design Consultants for their Triton Knoll Conversion Project. This project saw the conversion of the top two decks of an old ship, which have been removed and placed onto the dock side, into an accommodation block for offshore workers. The project was undertaken by Aptus, the strip out of all unusable décor and services, the reconfiguring of spaces and refit for usable accommodation.



NEVILLE HALL MINING INSTITUTE

Progress is continuing on the Neville Hall project in Newcastle. We are starting to see the internal decoration take shape and the scaffolding has come down. Over the course of the project the grade II listed building has been carefully restored and refurbished, reinstating its former glory.

The old President Nicholas Wood, who is immortalised in stone and standing proud inside the buildings Wood Memorial Hall, would be impressed with Brims Construction and the vision of The Common Room of the Great North as we near the completion of works. Hats off to the various trades working to finish the building and to HL's own architectural and interior design team.

SUPPORTING DURHAM FOOD BANK AND SANCTUARY 21

HL have decided to offer our support to the Durham Food bank and Sanctuary21 Christmas Present Appeal this year and donate items and food from the company and staff. We recognise that this year has been a challenging time for many people and both organisations provide much needed help, food and support to those in crisis within Durham's local community. If you would like to know more please visit www.durham.foodbank.org.uk and <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/durham-sanctuary-21>.

