

LIVERPOOL CENTRAL LIBRARY, LIVERPOOL



LOCATION: LIVERPOOL

CLIENT: LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL/INSPIRE PARTNERSHIP

VALUE: £50.0M

SIZE: 13600M²

COMPLETION: PHASE 1 2013. PHASE 2 2015

SERVICE: ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE, INTERIOR, CONSERVATION

SECTOR: ARTS & CULTURE

CONTRACTOR: SHEPHERD CONSTRUCTION

LANDSCAPE: AUSTIN-SMITH:LORD

STRUCTURES: ROC CONSULTING

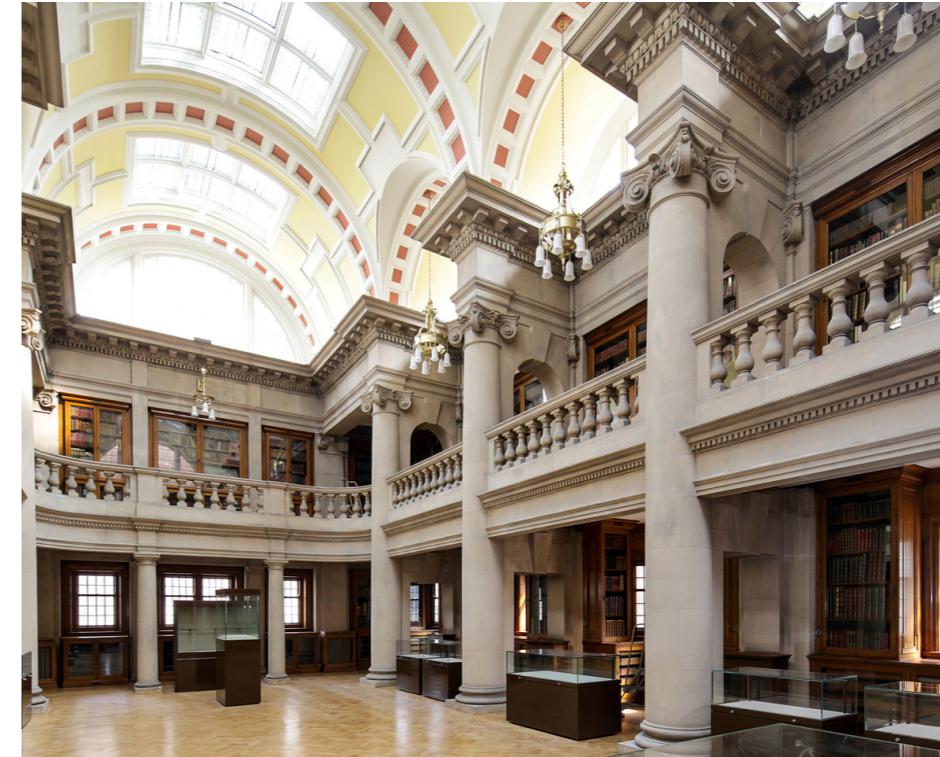
SERVICES: BURG HAPPOLD

COST CONSULTANT: SHEPHERD CONSTRUCTION

LISTING: GRADE II*

AWARDS:

- 2014 LANDSCAPE INSTITUTE AWARDS - HIGHLY COMMENDED DESIGN FOR SMALL SCALE PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT
- 2014 RICS AWARDS NW COMMUNITY BENEFIT AWARD
- 2014 RICS AWARDS NW TRAVEL & TOURISM AWARD
- 2014 RICS AWARDS NW PROJECT OF THE YEAR
- 2014 RIBA NW CONSERVATION AWARD
- 2014 RIBA NW REGIONAL AWARD
- 2013 BUILDING AWARD, BEST TECHNICAL INNOVATION
- 2013 NW REGIONAL CONSTRUCTION AWARDS, REGIONAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR
- 2013 LABC NW BUILDING EXCELLENCE AWARDS, REGIONAL WINNER



Procured through the PFI route, the main objectives of the design were to provide a new building that supports the new service concept for the Library, provides a low energy efficient sustainable solution and proposals that reuse the historic parts of the building with the appropriate levels of sustainability

The aspirations of the project were to create a world class Library with this group of internationally important civic buildings. The intention was to provide a new cultural destination, a thrilling visitor experience and a Library and archive of the highest quality.

The project involved the demolition of buildings from the 1950s and 1970s which were regarded as sub-standard and a barrier to the provision of

the new service concept with which the Central Library wished to operate. The project also saw the sensitive restoration of the original library's key historic asset, The Picton Library, the Hornby and Oak Libraries and the transformation into a new and vibrant space for children and young people.

New construction took place behind the retained listed façade to William Brown Street, a new entrance was formed in the façade in line with guidance from English Heritage and this became the Library's new front door.

Sensitive re-landscaping of the Library's forecourt leads visitors to this new front door and increase the Library's presence in this important group of cultural buildings.

