Former West Derby Carnegie Library

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THE BRIEF

H.H. Smith were awarded this building conservation, restoration and development project following a competitive tender process. Works to include the refurbishment and re-modelling of the Grade II former Andrew Carnegie Library to provide much needed community services to the neighbourhoods of Tuebrook and Old Swan. The 'Old Library' will act as a focus for community activity. An extension of the existing building to house ancillary functions including kitchens, deliveries and dining space. Will make the building more readable and usable. External spaces to provide adequate external play and public outside space to compliment the varied building uses.

KEY POINTS

Retention of key features identified in the conservation plan is required whilst installing with sensitivity all new services throughout the building. The building must be a secure environment for childcare, in accordance with Ofsted / DofE requirements.

CHALLENGES

This grade II listed building had been left derelict for over 40 years, with extensive decay and damage to the structure. The skills of H.H. Smith's specialist trades men, all who have undertaken many heritage projects previously, were integral to the success of the project. Flexibility and capacity to adapt to the build was vital on this project of such unknowns. The varied stakeholders, OMI, Lister Steps, Liverpool City Council, and the Heritage Lottery Fund required a collaborative approach to ensure a successful outcome. Management of information and process was necessary to satisfy the relevant funding bodies, An extensive outreach programme has been developed, offering bursary placements, technical days and school / college / University visits to deliver an insight into the built environment and historic buildings.

LOCATION
Liverpool

SECTOR
Comm/Cons/Rest

CLIENT
Liverpool City Council

ARCHITECT
OMI Architects

PROJECT VALUE
£3.6 m

CONTRACT
Traditional

PERIOD
April 2019 - August 2020

CONTRACT PERIOD
74 weeks

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