



TALK: 19th November 2019 at 6.00 for 6.30pm

Brackley Town Hall

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Brackley Town Hall is a Grade II* Listed building situated within the Brackley Old Town Conservation Area. Possibly designed by Sir Christopher Wren or Nicholas Hawksmoor during the early 1700s, it has been subject of numerous alterations. In 2013, a survey identified the building as being vulnerable due to its poor condition and diminishing levels of use. The decline of income generated by letting spaces for community events in the building could no longer cover the buildings running cost and warned of the buildings further fall into poor condition.

Our brief was to carry out a comprehensive repair & adaptation of the Town Hall in order to address the range of physical issues and improve its long-term financial sustainability. The Town Hall has had a long-established relationship with a large number of civic and local community users, who regularly hire space for meetings, activities and functions. Our work included the introduction of new community spaces, a ground floor commercial unit (bistro / café) and an attic holiday let to provide an income for the maintenance and care of the building. The Town Council has retained a presence in the building with a small office. Bold new interventions saw the introduction of a contemporary stair and lift, without detriment to

the historic fabric or detracting from the original design. This was achieved through historical research and building condition surveys, which led to the production of a detailed Conservation Plan and Management & Maintenance Plan. In turn, this enabled us to assess the viability of the proposed new uses and to maintain the building's authenticity throughout the new works. The Heritage Fund grant was secured for the Development and Delivery phases on the basis of our detailed design work.

Awards:

RIBA East Midlands Award Winner
Civic Trust Award Regional Finalist Conservation Category
Finalist AJ Retrofit Award, Listed building Category
Shortlisted BD Architect of the Year Awards Refurbishment Category

Meetings are held at:
The Gallery, 77 Cowcross Street, London EC1

Nearest tube: Farringdon

Wine is served from 6.00pm- lectures start at 6.30pm
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