

Associated Architects Libraries

C3 Library, Castle Vale Josiah Mason College

Brief

Associated Architects were appointed to prepare a masterplan for the redevelopment of Reed Square, Castle Vale to include community facilities and additional housing provision. The new library is one of the key projects which we are implementing, others include a police station, retail units, a new vicarage, and the provision of commercial office space.

Solution

The library which is shared between Josiah Mason College, the community and the Housing Action Trust provides reference and lending areas with 80 computer terminals for internet access within a 2,500sq.m. footprint. The project has been designed in close collaboration with Birmingham City Council Library Services and community members.

The bold design is deliberate, clad in copper sheets with a welcoming transparent public face at ground level to encourage community use. The building has a prominent position facing onto a new public square at the heart of the Castle Vale.



Client: Castle Vale Housing Action Trust

Project Value: £3.7m

Completion Date: Dec 2005

