

Haughton Hall Hotel

Leisure Centre

In order to achieve incremental business, Haughton Hall Hotel approached Plus Design and Build to design and build a leisure centre within the grounds.

The Problem

Haughton Hall is a Grade 2 listed building set in 38 acres of Shropshire countryside. When Managing Director Jim Dunkley decided to offer guests a range of leisure, health and fitness facilities he knew there could be problems obtaining planning permission for a leisure centre.

“Many guests check that we offer leisure facilities before making a reservation,” said Jim. “Families with young children like a swimming pool to make their stay “weatherproof” and guests in the 20-30 year age group insist on other leisure and fitness facilities.

The Solution

Having reviewed alternative suppliers of leisure buildings, Jim decided on Plus Design and Build (PDB), as they were able to demonstrate an extensive experience in designing similar buildings for environmentally sensitive areas.

Using their great diversity of experience, PDB's in-house architects first took feature details from the hotel and other

outbuildings, including a Georgian coach house, and incorporated these into the design of the new building.

Plans were drawn up for a building of timber frame construction, faced externally with a traditional local render. It was to have a 30% pitch roof finished with natural slate roof tiles and cast iron ogee guttering. The intricate multi-level roof was designed to ensure that none of the dimensions exceeded those on the coach house. Arched windows, string course at high level and Georgian doors matched all the other buildings.

This attention to detail, together with detailed meetings at an early stage with the Conservation Officer and Planning Authorities, ensured that the plans subsequently passed the complex planning stages with only minor modifications.



Having received permission to proceed, time was of the essence and the building was completed in just 26 weeks, well ahead of target.

Internally, a dramatic eighteen-metre high cathedral style roof with glazed roof panels and clerestory lighting provide high levels of light. The roof spans all the facilities and creates an airy interior space. The layout of the centre is very functional with the entrance hall, reception, changing rooms and other services centrally located.

A 15 metres long by 6 metres wide swimming pool with integral spa and children's pool is located to the left of the building whilst a fully equipped gymnasium is to the right. A steam room, sauna, solarium and beauty therapy room complete the range of facilities available.



Fitted out washroom.

FLOORPLAN





Camping barn.

The Centre is accessible to all – people with mobility difficulties have no problem entering or moving around.

PDB was responsible for all aspects of the building including landscaping, laying a brick paving linking the centre to the hotel, plumbing, electrical and heating services, floor coverings and the environmental control systems.

The Benefits

Jim Dunkley says: "The building is a credit to PDB and all those involved. It is a positive asset to our business and invokes nothing but praise from our guests. Membership has been taken up by many local people which is contributing significantly to the financial returns of the centre."

This type of aesthetically and environmentally pleasing building would be an asset to any hotel wishing to keep up with the increasing demand for sports and leisure facilities.



Separate washroom and kitchen block.

Client: Middlesex North West Guides

Location: Ruislip, Middlesex



Activity/dining room.



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