

Hansom Hall

Bristol



Sensitive Conversion of Former Boxing Club

Oxford Architects have been involved with this project since 2013 on behalf of The PG Group. Over this time we have developed the scheme through collaboration with Bristol City Council to achieve Planning approval for the Change of Use to residential along with Listed Building Consent for the proposed works.

The project involved the complete redevelopment, renovation and conversion of the existing Grade II listed building into 22 new contemporary dwellings. The building was vacant and in a poor state of repair when we started this project. The building has a rich history, starting off as the St Agnes' Sunday School building, then used as a gym and boxing club (Empire Sports Club), and now under ownership by The PG Group. The building is identified by Historic England under the Planning Act 1990 as a building of architectural interest.

As this building is Grade II listed, we planned the refurbishment and conversion into residential dwellings on the basis of preserving the external fabric and appearance of the building as far as possible.

The new dwellings have been set out and planned to work with the existing structure to retain as much of the character and appearance of the historic building as possible. The existing facades have greatly benefited from being cleaned up, repaired where necessary and the restored and refurbished windows and doors greatly enhance the building and give it a new lease of life. Hansom Hall is an example of how a vacant and disused building can be holistically renovated in a sympathetic manner whilst adapting its use to accommodate contemporary living within the city. This development has secured the long term future of the historic St Agnes' Sunday School building as a valuable heritage asset.

Project Details

- Scope**
 Sensitive Conversion of Grade II Listed building into 22 Contemporary dwellings
- Role**
 Architect, Principal Designer
- Client**
 The PG Group/Bristol City Council
- Value**
 £3.0m
- Dates**
 Completed March 2020



Key Aspects

- Refurbishment of Grade II Listed Building
- Adaptation of Disused and Derelict Building into Contemporary Living Accommodation
- Collaboration with a wide team of consultants and specialists
- Retention of Heritage Features

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