

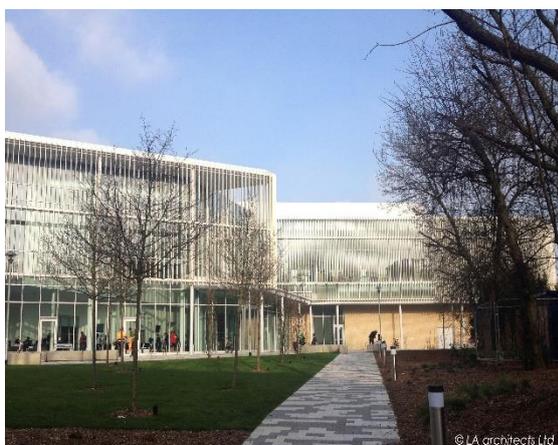
## Sports Leisure Legacy Project – LA Architects (photos courtesy of LA)

### Kensington Leisure Centre, Kensington

Client: Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea

Year: 2015

LA Architects was selected through competition to design a new facility to replace the existing 1970s Leisure Centre. The design responds to the complex requirements of a restricted urban site, arranging the facilities over three floors organised around a central circulation hub. This move freed up area to provide an enabling residential site, together with a new public space addressing the Centre and the adjacent Academy development. The internal hub provides direct connection to the Centre's facilities, offering the visitor clear orientation with dynamic views into and through each space.



Kensington



Glass Mill

### Glass Mill, Lewisham

Client: London Borough of Lewisham

Year: 2013

Opened in 2013, the centre includes an 8-lane 25m competition pool, a teaching/learner pool, spectator seating, mobile floors for both pools and disabled lift with full access to the main pool. It also provides fitness & health suites, studios and associated changing rooms. The exterior façade is clad in 1400 individual glass panels that were developed in conjunction with local artist Phil Coy.

In February 2014, The Glass Mill was awarded the Best Built Project – Community Scale Scheme in the London Planning Awards 2013/14. It was also listed as one of the four best buildings in London completed in 2013/2014.

### Haven Point, South Shields, Tyne & Wear

Client: South Tyneside Council

Year: 2013

LA architects were appointed by South Tyneside Council in 2007 to provide a new pools complex in South Shields. As designs developed, the opportunity to include other facilities arose, including an outdoor amphitheatre, terraces for events/exhibitions and a sunbathing area. The facilities include an 8-lane 25m pool, a teaching pool, leisure water, fitness suite, studios, multipurpose rooms and a café/restaurant. The centre was officially opened on 22 November 2013 by HRH the Duke of Cambridge and Council Leader Councillor Iain Malcolm, who stated: "Haven Point is a world-class facility and demonstrates our continued commitment to investing in the future of our residents and attracting more visitors to the Borough."



Haven Point



Hengrove

### Hengrove Park Leisure Centre, Bristol

Client: Bristol City Council

Year: 2012

Located to the south of Bristol city centre, Hengrove Park Leisure Centre formed part of a PFI led regeneration strategy for the area. The centre provides the city's first 50m swimming pool, designed to Olympic standards, and also included a 20m x 10m teaching and training pool, 4 court sports hall, fitness suite, studios and a climbing wall. A large new public plaza designed as part of the scheme ties the building to the wider site and forms a gateway to the park. The building utilises 10% of its energy from renewable resources and was the first leisure centre in the UK to achieve a BREEAM excellent rating.



Hengrove

## **Louisa Centre, Stanley, County Durham**

Client: Derwentside District Council

Year: 2004

In partnership with Derwentside District Council, LA Architects was able to secure 95% National Lottery funding to support the regeneration of this existing, desperately underused, sports building. Designed to improve the lives of those that work in the building as well as those that use its facilities, the Centre contains a 7 lane 25m pool and a separate teaching pool, a full fitness suite and refurbished sports hall and studios. There is also public space with a café/bar area and a crèche, forming a focal point for the community. The budget for this project was extremely restrictive and drove the need for a high-quality design solution.



Louisa



Clapham

## **Clapham Leisure Centre, Clapham**

Client: London Borough of Lambeth

Year: 2012

Clapham Leisure Centre was opened in January 2012 and forms part of the 'Clapham One' project, a wider regeneration scheme in south-west London that includes a new library and residential developments. The centre replaced an ageing 1920s leisure complex and provides up-to-date facilities that are tailored to the needs of the local community. The project grew out of detailed consultations with the Council, the public, developers and stakeholders and since opening it has been operating at full capacity with some 30,000- 35,000 visitors per month. The facilities include a 6 lane 25m pool (with boom and movable floor), secondary pool (with movable floor), spectator seating, 4 court sports hall, fitness suite, exercise studios, junior climbing wall and café.

## **The Portal, Irvine North Ayrshire**

Client: North Ayrshire Council

Year: 2017

LA Architects has delivered a new Community, Cultural and Leisure Centre in the heart of Irvine providing an iconic modern facility for the people of North Ayrshire. Facilities include a 6-court sports hall, 6 lane 25m pool, a teaching pool, studios, café and lounge area, reception and information points, and a foyer with spaces for art exhibitions, music recitals and local events. The Centre forms a key part of the urban regeneration of the High Street, helping the town to develop a strong identity, attract more visitors and tourists, and ensure the iconic building has a sustainable future.



Portal



Portal

### And previously.....Guildford Spectrum, Guildford

Client: Guildford Borough Council

Year: 1986

The Spectrum, completed in 1992, is currently the UK's most successful sports complex with in excess of two million visitors each year. It was the result of design competition won by Mike Lawless and was completed under a design and build contract. The building is designed on three floors with the visitor entering at the top level and then moving down through the building to use the facilities. This was the direct result of a 15m fall across the site and the need to lay large flat areas throughout. The approach to the design was to break down the mass but to provide a building that integrated with the landscape and yet became a focal point for sport and leisure in the South of the England. It was completed on time and budget. Pool facilities include an 8 lane 25m competition pool with spectator seating, a teaching pool, a diving pool and a free-form beach-style leisure pool with flumes and small slides for younger children bubble beds, water sprays and a wave machine. The Centre also has an Olympic sized ice rink with spectator seating for over 2000 people and a Sports Arena.



Spectrum