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bells farm community centre kingsnorton

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existing building



bay 1-3, west view



north elevation

Bells Farm Community Centre is a grade II listed 17th Century timber-framed building, owned by Birmingham City Council (BCC), and run by the Searhead Trust (ST) as community centre for the local area, which is somewhat disadvantaged.

In the 1980's the building was extended to provide a large hall, linked to the existing structure. Part of the works included the restoration of the rear wing of the 17th Century part, which was unfortunately subject to a devastating fire which destroyed 75% of the wing. The ruined structure has remained unrepaired until today.

rear wing



completion

In 2009 BCC instructed Birmingham Conservation Trust (BCT) to draw up a conservation plan identifying the requirements of the building and a strategy for its future maintenance and use.

Nick Joyce LLP were appointed, chosen from a selection of practices with relevant expertise, to provide a condition report and an options appraisal for future uses of the building.

Following discussions with BCC, BCT and ST it was agreed to support the ST in their continued use of the building, including reinstatement of the rear wing, better access for the disabled, and other improvement/extension works to expand the centre and secure the building's future.

In 2010 BCT submitted application for grant funding to English Heritage, which was approved, and work commences in January 2012 on the reconstruction of the rear wing, and repairs to the existing building. Nick Joyce Architects LLP has been appointed as a specialist consultant to prepare the production information, bill of quantities, and oversee construction works.



client Birmingham City Council

contract £600,000

date 2009-present