



Wigan Life Centre
Swimming Pool & Healthy Living
Wigan, UK

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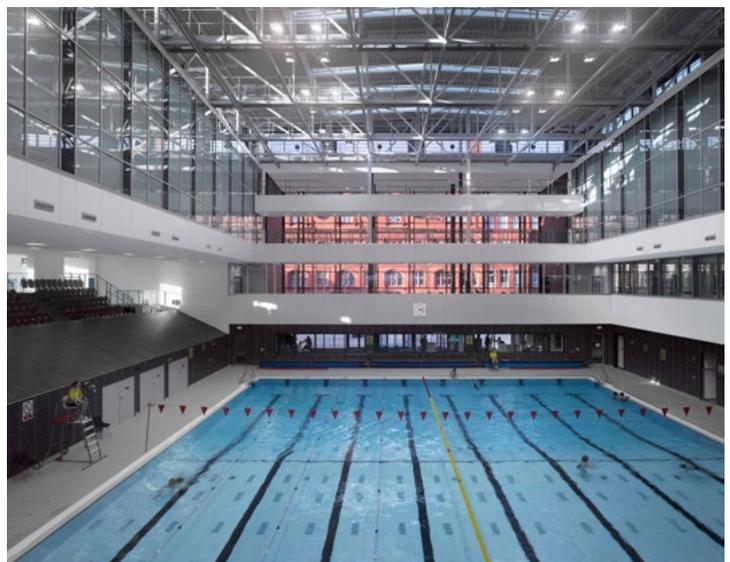
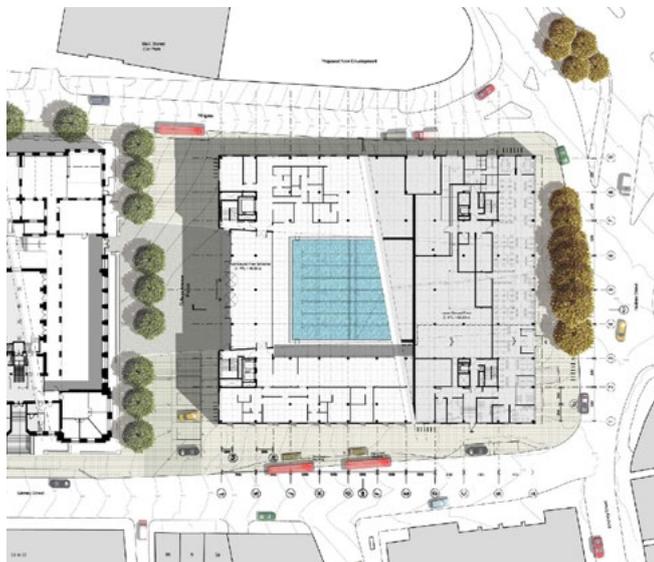
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The Wigan Life Healthy Living Zone is part of a larger PFI project consisting of two buildings either side of Wigan Town Hall. It occupies a strategic island site and consists of a significant four storey building that improves the local townscape and provides a catalyst for further regeneration.

Located on the site of an existing sixties "International Pool", the new Healthy Living Zone (HLZ) has its entrance off a new piazza and is the central arrival point for the whole facility. It contains a 25m long 8 lane competition pool with a public viewing gallery and associated changing village, a learner pool, a cafe, a gym and steam/sauna suite with dedicated multi-purpose rooms, the Primary Care Trust and Adult Services public-facing consultation suite and a large component of council office space as well as meeting room and conference suite.

The two pools are located at the ground floor at the very heart of the building. The main pool sits in a four storey volume enclosed on the upper three floors by offices in an efficient and flexible "U" shaped floor plate. The volume of the pool area therefore effectively creates an atrium to the offices and is an important element of the building services strategy and the cost efficiency of the design.

The single storey glazed entrance hall, with cafe/vending above, spans the whole width of the 4 storey glazed facade and allows views of the dramatic central space with its pool and gym. It is an integral part of the public space created by the external piazza giving a memorable and identifiable way into the building.



Awards

Winner of Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) North West Awards 2012 Conservation & Town Centre Regeneration | AJ Retrofit Awards 2012 Finalist | RICS: North West Regional Regeneration Award (2012) | Nominated for the RICS 2012 National Regeneration Award | Winner of Best International Public Services Development in association with CNBC Arabia | Shortlisted in the grand final (2012) | Winner Best Public Services Development in the UK Property Awards 2009 | International Property Awards: Best International Public Services Development Award (2009) | MIPIM Architectural Review Future Projects Award 2009 – Mixed Use Commendation

Client

Wigan Council/Morgan Sindall

Architect

LCE architects in collaboration with astudio

Floor Area

14,820 m² for HLZ

Value

£50 million for complete project

Status

Completed 2011

