



Regents Park Children's Centre

new build children's centre as part of Sure Start

Working together with Sure Start and Camden Education, Sprunt has developed a number of projects in the Euston area. These include drop-in centres, parent support units, crèches and, most recently, the new £750k Regents Park Children's Centre and Nursery. The existing building was in need of a new nursery facility and, at the same time, Sure Start Euston was urgently looking for a site to increase their services for the local community. Under the Children's Centre initiative, funds were drawn together to create a single scheme that would solve both party's needs.

The only site for the new building was on top of a partially underground, multi-storey car park, adjacent to the existing Centre. As a result, the new building had to be ultra-light to sit on the existing car park structure below. A timber glulam frame was used with lightweight cladding including cedar

boarding, polycarbonate panels and brick slips. The floors and the roof act as rigid planes to give bracing to the structure.

The accommodation is designed to be used flexibly by a number of user groups in different ways. Both floors contain a large room facing towards the playground, which can be subdivided with a sliding wall and ancillary rooms towards the street side. The ground floor can be used as a 23 place nursery classroom extension to the existing Centre and at other times, a drop-in centre for Sure Start.

Situated in the heart of a Camden housing estate, the building, with its own independent access from the street, can also be used for other community activities.

Location:
Regents Park, London

Client:
London Borough of Camden

Project:
New Nursery facility and Sure Start centre

Value:
£750,000

Status:
Complete 2006

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