

# 'THE CURVE'

## SLOUGH

### *Client*

Slough Borough Council/ Slough Urban Renewal/ Morgan Sindall Construction and Infrastructure Limited  
*Local Authority*  
Slough Borough Council

### *Value*

£16.5 million

### *Completion Date*

September 2016

### *Content*

Library, Cafe, 280 Seat Performance Space, Classrooms, Study Areas, Gallery, Registrar Services, and Museum 'pods'

### *Architect*

BBLUR architecture (Shell and Core Design, Urban Design and BIM Management)  
CZWG Architects LLP (Lead Consultant and Interior Design)

### *Main Contractor*

Morgan Sindall Construction

### *Quantity Surveyor*

Gardiner & Theobald

### *Structural & M&E Engineer*

Peter Brett Associates

### *Landscape Architect*

Broadway Malayan & Spacehub

The Curve is the key community amenity in the on-going regeneration of Slough's town centre – 'The Heart of Slough'. The 4,500sqm, 3 storey, 90m long building, designed by BBLUR architecture in collaboration with CZWG, was conceived as a vibrant community hub accommodating a library, 280 seat performance space, teaching and exhibition space, and meets the Council's aspirations to consolidate disparate community and Registrar services from across the town centre. BBLUR's concept creates a welcoming sculptural marker. The gently curved silver clad 'tube' wraps around the rear of St Ethelbert's Grade II listed flint Church to form two new public squares and a reading garden. Glazed East and West facades welcome visitors and signal a pedestrian route linking the town centre high street with

new developments to the West. CZWG were invited to collaborate on the design and expanded BBLUR's concept of the ground floor pedestrian route to become a journey throughout the whole building. The ground floor houses a café, exhibition space and the performance venue with doors that can open to the public plaza. Two generous curving staircases tempt visitors up to the first floor main library, double height atrium and generous study areas on the second floor. The Curve was delivered by Slough Urban Renewal (SUR) as part of a successful LABV partnership agreement between Slough Borough Council and Morgan Sindall Construction. The completion of a new public landmark coupled with the imminent arrival of Crossrail is facilitating the transformation of Slough's town centre.



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