

PROJECT SHEET



Project: The Halle at St Peter's, Ancoats
Client: The Halle Concerts Society
Value: £837,000

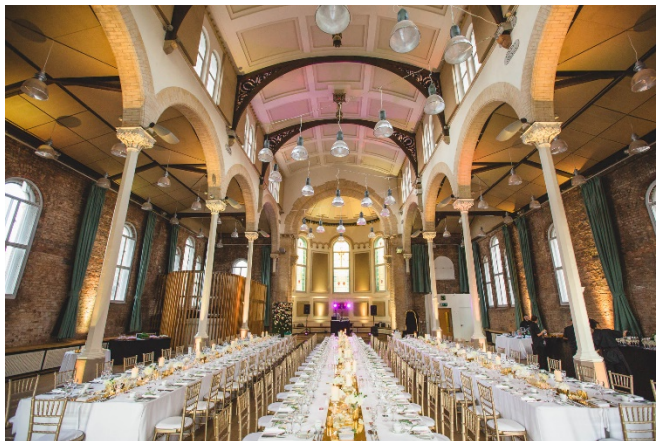
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City Build was commissioned to renovate and refurbish St Peter's Church in Ancoats, Manchester. The Grade II listed deconsecrated church was sympathetically modernised and acoustically treated to provide the world-renowned Halle Orchestra with their first dedicated rehearsal and recording space in their 155-year history.

The building's acoustic dynamics were critical as the space is used for recordings as well as rehearsals. During early collaboration with the Halle's own acoustic consultant we developed and implemented a number of elements which ensured the former church could



meet its new requirements. These measures included acoustic sails, acoustic fabric panels, acoustic curtains and purpose made secondary glazing to the striking perimeter and main rose windows. These elements were designed to provide striking artistic features around the building without losing the character of the church, but also to make the building sustainable with low maintenance costs during its proposed life cycle.



Our works began with the removal of the existing suspended floor and the installation of a new structural suspended floor, designed to carry the loadings imposed by the 80-piece orchestra and future events. We then carried out a complete strip-out back to shell and full internal refurbishment.

The building is situated within a busy commercial and residential part of Manchester so we were bound by the strict planning constraints of the Council.

Through close collaboration with the Halle we ensured the integrity of the building was maintained and preserved and the project was completed on time and within budget. When not in use by the Halle Orchestra, St Peter's is used as a wedding venue. Following completion of our works the building was formally opened by HRH The Countess of Wessex.

"The Halle was extremely pleased with City Build's contribution to the refurbishment of St Peter's. The standard of workmanship is excellent. We and the design team were particularly pleased with your commitment and positive attitude which delivered the scheme within the original contract period whilst incorporating the additional work we instructed you to do". Val Hawkin – Halle Concerts Society