



The New-Look Norwich Provisions Market by LSI Architects Secures Commendation in The Civic Trust Awards 2008. Image credits from left to right: Mike Harrington; EDP; EDP; LSI Architects. Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988: Reproduction is permitted providing authorship is credited.

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The Civic Trust Awards 2008

Refurbishment of Norwich Provisions Market by LSI Architects Secures Commendation

Norwich and London-based LSI Architects has announced that the £4.6M refurbishment of Norwich Provisions Market, designed by Michael Innes and Rupert Kitchen, Associate of LSI Architects, has received a Commendation in the Centre Vision Award category of this year's Civic Trust Awards. The awards aim to encourage projects that are culturally, socially or economically beneficial and make an outstanding contribution to the quality and appearance of the environment.

The Commendation was announced at a gala dinner and ceremony in Newcastle upon Tyne this week (Wednesday, 12th March). As both a tourist attraction and local market, the designs of the Norwich Provisions Market have created a bustling and vibrant permanent market, regenerating the heart of Norwich city centre.

The new designs respond successfully to the market's traditions and appearance. Recorded in the Domesday Book, Norwich Provisions Market has traded on this city centre site since the Norman Conquest, making it one of England's oldest continuing markets. Owned and managed by Norwich City Council it had become unsuitable, with inadequate public access, Health and Safety and servicing.

To meet the challenge of re-designing Norwich Provisions market, LSI Architects undertook extensive consultations with market traders, the public and councillors to secure opinions of and assess key issues involved in the refurbishment. The result was a traditional feel of the market with its characteristic striped roofs. However, more up-to-date innovations are included in the design of the 108 stalls which are prefabricated, steel frame, modular units with composite roof panels, delivered to the site complete with factory fitted finishes and service routes. This minimised construction waste, build time and disruption. Internally, flexible arrangement ensures that the stalls are easily adaptable and satisfy disabled access requirements. A glazed canopy spans the main aisles to provide protection from inclement weather. During the summer months and when the weather is fine, the canopies can be raised to produce a market experience that is truly open air. During non-trading hours, these canopies are opened to provide unobstructed views into the market place.

Rupert Kitchen of LSI Architects received the Commendation, accompanied by Trevor Price, a Principal Member of LSI Architects and Michael Innes. Mr Kitchen said: "Off-site construction of the market stalls was the key to quality and delivery of the project to a very compressed programme, minimising disruption to the market traders. The automated aluminium and polycarbonate canopies provide weather protection, maximise daylight and can be raised in fine weather, creating an open-air experience. An energy efficient lighting scheme provides vibrant illumination during trading, with reduced levels of lighting at night."

Project Team

Architect: Michael Innes with LSI Architects LLP

Client: Norwich City Council

Main Contractor: John Youngs

Pre-fabricated stalls: Modular UK Ltd

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Notes to the Editor

1. The winner was the remodelling of Nottingham Old Market Square.
2. Recognising that good environmental design plays a crucial role in the development of successful communities, the Civic Trust Awards honour outstanding projects in the fields of architecture, planning, environmental design, landscape, public art and urban design. The Awards focus not only on the way in which schemes relate to their settings but to the people that live and work with them. The awards continue to stimulate higher standards and to highlight the importance of design in the creation of places with a sense of identity and civic pride. The awards were for schemes completed between 1 January 2005 and 1 September 2007.
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is known generally within the Industry for professionalism and design quality and sustainable design, and by its clients for quality of service and cost effective solution. LSI Architects main clients are corporate and public bodies with major sectors being: the workplace, retail, education, health and master planning. LSI Architects is a practice of over 50 personnel, operating throughout the UK from its base in Norwich.

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