

Mabley Green Changing Rooms, Hackney, East London

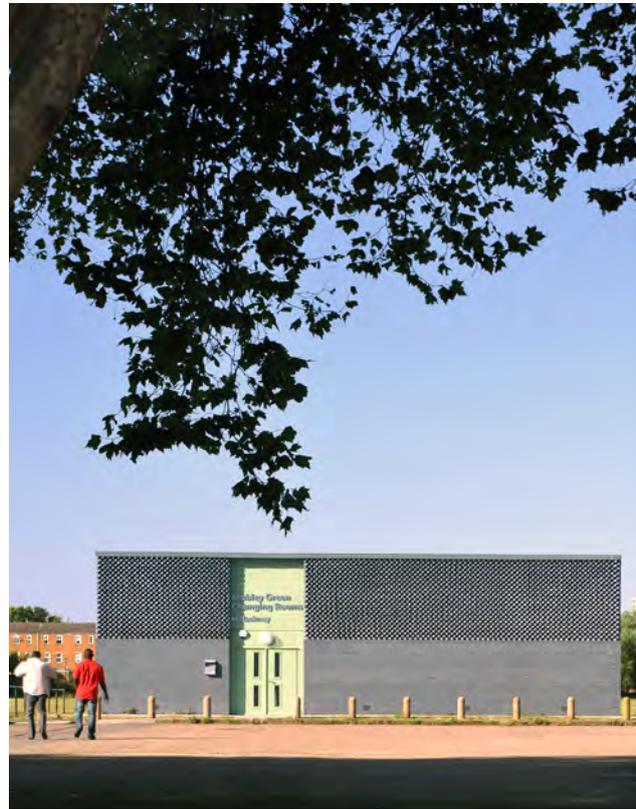
Client: LB Hackney + Design for London
Value: £500k

Developed as part of the Olympic Fringe Delivery Programme, this project involved provision of a new building providing changing facilities for six full-size grass football pitches and a new all weather pitch on Mabley Green.

5th Studio were invited to collaborate with a supplier of modular buildings to produce a design which meets the requirements of Sport England and Football Association in the provision of 4 team changing rooms and ancillary facilities. 5th Studio's input helped to transform the ambition and quality of the project whilst working within the constraints of a very constrained budget - adjusting the proposals from a 'generic' system building into a high quality robust building with a strong relationship to its park setting.

The proposal sets the pavilion as one of a series of objects in the park - and has smooth engineering brick laid in stretcher bond at low level, with areas of textured brick at high level. The pitch of the planted green roof offers a green plane, a continuation of the green, to be read from the top of the park. A scattering of 'sunpipes' bring natural light deep into the plan, requiring only one window to the office and allowing the brick texture to provide a monolithic and yet civic 'architecture of defence'.

The building was delivered under budget and was opened in July 2011.





5th Studio's work focussed on developing an approach to the external brickwork which helped to enrich the quality of a building which necessarily comprised largely blank facades. The composition of the brickwork on the elevations allows for the creation of unexpected playful connections to the park landscape - creating an informal football goal, for example, and the setting for a basketball hoop.

