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LEISURE COMPLEXES SOUL CHURCH - NORWICH













CLIENT: SOUL Church UK

PROJECT: SOUL Church - Norwich

LOCATION:

55 Heartsease Lane (NR7 9NT), approx. 2 miles east of Norwich city centre

SIZE: 40,827sq ft

A new two-storey purpose-built church building, with youth and nursery facilities and extensive car parking facilities set within a 262,973 sq ft fully landscaped site. The biggest church to be built in Norfolk for over 110 years.

The message "Jesus – hope of the world" is lit up on the front of the complex which is as much a community hub for local people as it is a venue for large, enthusiastic church services which are as attractive to the young as they are to adults.

Facilities include: a 1250-seater auditorium, 110-place nursery, social supermarket, café and free play area for kids of all ages, a sensory room, youth hall, a fully functional cafe area, a private chapel room for quiet reflection, incredible outside space, and 'The Street' that connects all the different areas.

BDB originally tendered the scheme in October 2020 and became the preferred contractor in early 2021 working with the client for a number of months on the final design and Value Engineering before being formally appointed in January 2022.

The project commenced on site in February 2022 and was finally completed in 2024, after numerous obstacles encountered on the way in relation to planning and funding constraints.

Soul Church say, "Our heart is to create a bright and welcoming space where everyone can belong".