



# Green light for Lynch's theatre scheme

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Lynch Architects has received for planning permission for its National Youth Theatre (NYT) scheme off Holloway Road, north London.

As well as reconfiguring the NYT's existing accommodation to give additional sound stages, a café, archive space and lift access, the project includes 80 new homes and a 'social needs rented' block with 24 flats.

The 11,546m<sup>2</sup> project, which received unanimous consent, is backed by landowner Tom Shutes - owner and founder of the Museum of Everything.



## The architect's view

Our project connects the Tufnell Park Road and Holloway Road, via a series of courtyards around which are composed some new and refurbished brick blocks housing flats above, with a series of workshops and small shops at ground floor. The site is the home of the National Youth Theatre. We are providing NYT with new and improved accommodation as well as making their presence on the site more visible and accessible to the public. A number of existing artisanal workshops and studios will be re-housed in new or refurbished accommodation. We see the new buildings as versions of the Victorian Warehouses and Palazzo types that currently exist there, and have tried to find an appropriate architectural character for a deep city block that can mediate between 'high street' and the domestic hinterland of the site

## Project data

**Architects:** Lynch architects

**Location:** 443-449 Holloway Road, London, N7 6LJ

**Type Of Project:** Refurbished existing and new buildings to provide enlarged facilities for the National Youth Theatre, 80 new residential units, including one block of 24 social needs rented units and new ancillary facilities including courtyards, play spaces, cafes and small retail units.

**Developer:** HR Ltd

**Structural Engineer:** Price and Myers

**Services Engineer and Sustainability Consultant:** Buro Happold

**Fire Consultant:** Buro Happold

**Transport Consultant:** Momentum Transport Planning

**Access Consultant:** Withernay Projects

**CDM coordinator:** Orsa Consulting

**Planning Consultant:** DP9

**Townscape Consultant:** Tavernor Consultancy

**Daylight and Sunlight Consultant:** Fine Science

**Verified Views:** AVR London

**Visualiser:** Forbes Massie

**Lighting consultant:** Victoria Jerram

**Gross internal floor area:** 11,546m<sup>2</sup>

