



Case study

EMD Cinema, London Borough of Waltham Forest



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Project: EMD Cinema

Customer: London Borough of Waltham Forest

Project cost: £18m



Feasibility:	September 2019
Pre-construction:	December 2019
Construction:	November 2020

Description of project

Willmott Dixon Interiors are working in partnership with the London Borough of Waltham Forest to deliver the £18m refurbishment of Walthamstow's Grade II* listed former EMD Cinema into a multi-purpose entertainment venue and cultural hub.

Our specialist team are transforming the existing building into a 1000 seat live performance venue with restaurant, cafe and bar areas. Historic features such as the Ziggurat ceiling and heritage arches originally design by Architect Cecil Macey will be restored.

Our added value to the project

- ✓ The restoration works will bring the derelict building back to contemporary standards allowing for better ventilation, cooling and weather tight exterior. Working closely with our customer, London Borough of Waltham Forest, we are ensuring their social value aspirations are met on the project with local residents already being directly employed onto the project's supply chain.
- ✓ The project will also deliver an education and community hub for schools and local community groups.



“Willmott Dixon have been very good to work with on this complicated project – the speed of the design process has been very impressive and design has constantly sought to innovate.”

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Reviving a historic Grade II listed landmark in the local community



Local spend KPIs heightened to target London Borough of Waltham Forest supply chain delivery



Collaborative value management process adopted to bring previously unaffordable scheme into budget



Focussing on local employment through the construction period



95% of construction waste diverted from landfill



Residents directly employed as part of the social value plan



12% Social Return on Investment



9/10 Customer satisfaction