

PROJECT: G LIVE

VALUE: £26.0 million

CLIENT: GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL



“ENTERTAINMENT VENUE – OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED AS ‘OPEN’”

MDA Consulting Ltd (MDA) is proud to be associated with Guildford Borough Council’s new state of the art theatre and entertainment venue. MDA provided Project Management, Cost Management and Quality Audit services on this flagship project, which was delivered to the Council below budget and on time. The building now forms an iconic landmark in Guildford and has capacity to accommodate 1,000 people seated or 1,700 if customers are offered a combination of seated and standing tickets.



MDA’s Project Director, Martin Taylor says:

“This is a fantastic building. The success of the project was due to the whole project team and the Council positively engaging in a collaborative manner.”

MDA was responsible for administering and controlling the Council’s development budget, which included fee approvals, the main construction contract, furniture provision, I.T. infrastructure and computer provision, Section 106 and signage works.

Martin Taylor commented that, “Challenges included working on a restricted town centre site adjacent to another building site. Communication with project stakeholders was key to the projects’ success, so local businesses and residents were invited to open days and Saturday morning visits. This ensured regular first hand communication to these stakeholders in addition to the theatre operator, so that all parties were kept fully informed of the projects’ progress during the project.



MDA’s overarching role was to ensure that the works were coordinated, controlled and to the highest quality standards. Any change order requests were reviewed and their implications established before they were considered for incorporation and a “live” risk register was used to mitigate project risks on a progressive basis.

The main construction works were completed on time, on 1st July 2011 following which, the furniture, fixtures and equipment were installed and staff training commenced.

MDA was proud to attend the grand opening, which was a ‘Gala Evening’ hosted by the London Symphony Orchestra on 24th September 2011.