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# BROWNLOW COMMUNITY HUB

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## BACKGROUND

### 2006

- Three Council owned and managed Community Centres
- Condition, layout and usage
- Drumgor/Drumgask - Top 10% of deprived wards
- Demography had changed
- Options Appraisal



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## ISSUES

- Town Hall for Brownlow
- Neutrality
- Safety
- Flexible use
- Childcare
- Training Rooms
- Prices to be affordable



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## OBJECTIVE

Build a Community Hub on a centrally located site which is perceived safe and neutral by all citizens in the central area.

Develop a Masterplan and phase one of a phased and integrated development of a flagship site



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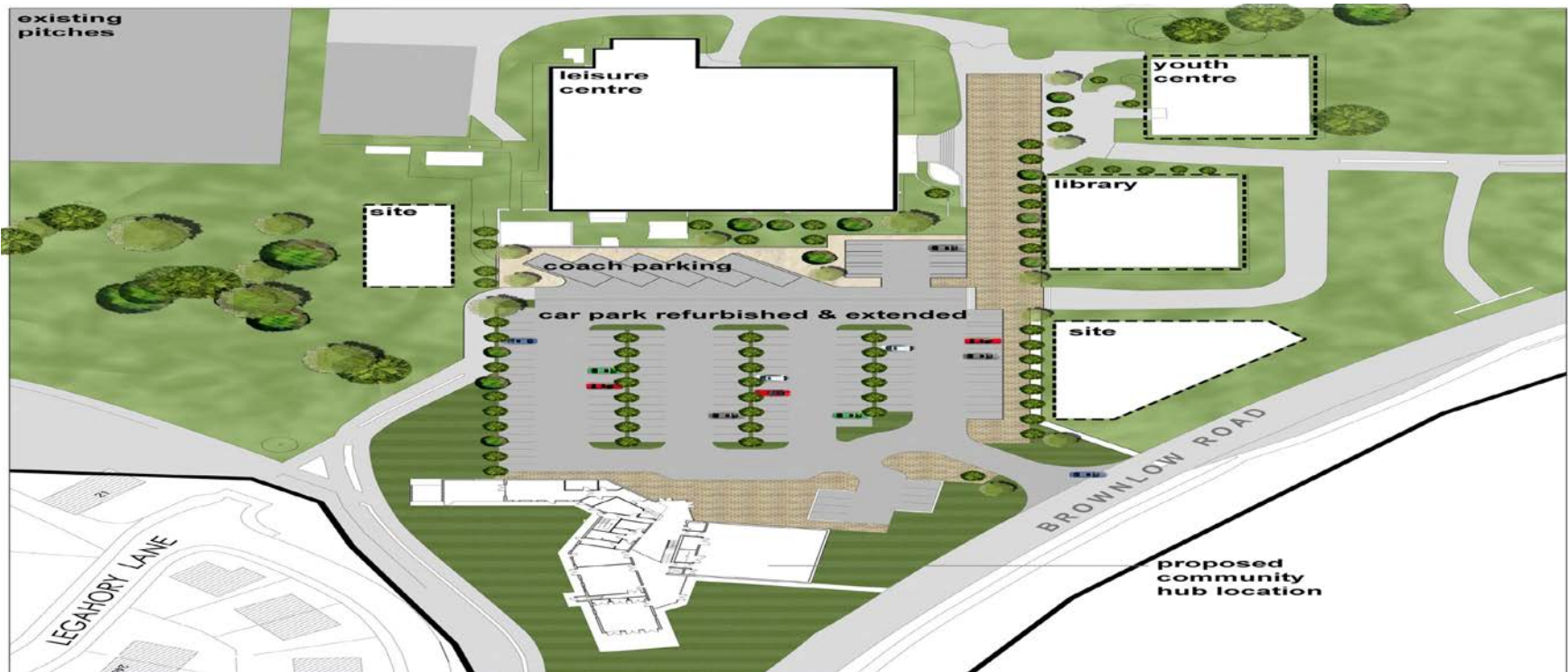
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## IMPLEMENTATION

- Initial budget of £2million
- Choice of site – Council owned land – Brownlow Road
- Stakeholders – Library, Youth Resource Centre, Craigavon Leisure Centre
- Public Realm Works – Budget increased to 3 million
- Additional lighting, landscaping, car parking spaces



# Brownlow Square





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## TIMELINE

- October 2008 – Capita Symonds appointed
- March 2009 – Michael Whitley Architects
- July 2010 – T & A Kernoghan appointed
- September 2011 - Completion





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## FACILITIES

- Main Hall seats 300
- Lounge
- Studio
- Craft Room
- Kitchen
- Childcare Facility
- Four Meeting Rooms
- Changing Places
- Play Area
- WIFI enabled
- Loop systems

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# FACILITY/ROOMS





# ACTIVITIES





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Entrance approached from Road  
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## RESULTS

- Building completed on time
- Completed within budget
- Staff all redeployed
- Average daily use of 250 people
- Combination of community, public and business usage
- No loss of groups
- By end of October 2012, income generated £78,000
- Won – Community Benefit Category in 2012 RICS Award