



PROJECT

EXTENSION OF NEW RIVER GREEN CHILDREN'S CENTRE

CLIENT

CEA AT ISLINGTON

VALUE

£890K

CONSULTANT

MEADOWCROFT GRIFFIN LIMITED



Work at New River Green, Islington's first approved childminding network, involved the demolition of part of the centre to make way for the construction of an environmentally friendly two-storey timber frame extension, complete with innovative solar hot water panels and photo voltaic electrical panels.

Work was undertaken while the remainder of the building remained fully operational. The building is clad in sustainably sourced western red cedar with a fibre glass coloured cladding on the front facade and heated by under floor heating. A platform lift provides disabled access to the first floor. The centre is fully landscaped and features a new soft play area and secure front gates with controlled access.

Procurement was via a two stage process, which enabled Lakehouse to have greater input into both the design and buildability processes and to involve its partnered supply chain specialists.

Special initiatives were implemented for the children, including health and safety talks designed to warn them of the dangers of playing in or around building sites. Regular site tours were provided for the staff and children to show progress, involve them in the process and generate a sense of ownership and pride for the new facilities.