



Clubhouse exterior



Bar and dining facilities



Indoor tennis centre



Gym facilities

The Parklangley Club Beckenham, Kent

Alexander Sedgley worked with The Parklangley Club from 1987-2002 to improve its facilities, and to date have designed a new clubhouse and indoor badminton hall and tennis courts. Total construction cost is in the region of £2.4m.

The main design idea, which has proved very successful, is the integration of the club facilities. Once in the club it is possible to go from changing room to badminton, indoor tennis, gym and squash courts effortlessly. All routes are enlivened by viewing galleries to the sports areas. Natural light, wherever non-detrimental to the playing of sports, is let into the internal spaces.

The new clubhouse includes offices for both the club and the LTA, and new changing room and showering facilities. Additional spectator seating to the squash courts and badminton hall allows greater participation, support and viewing of championship events. A Juniors room on the first floor will allow interaction with younger members of the club, when not involved on court. A multipurpose room gives the club flexibility of management to hold regular aerobic classes and seminars as well as being available to hire for events. The existing bar and dining facilities have been replaced with a stylish new bar and dining areas that allow club members and their guests to experience a relaxed ambience while enjoying a drink or meal.

The buildings are designed to provide the club with lasting accommodation and the external materials were chosen to allow the building to age gracefully over time.

In 1991 the Lawn Tennis Association nominated Parklangley as their 'Club of the Year', and included the indoor tennis court in their design guideline publication. This led to the practice being invited to act as advisors to the Sports Council on lottery bids.

In 2014 a new 25 station gym and cardiovascular area was opened.

The new space has been designed with generous natural light and a glazed end bay, which will overlook a sculpture garden.

Completed in 4months, the gym has been designed by the practice as a seamless link with the existing sports and social facilities.

Contractor: Bryen and Langley
Structural Engineer: John Allen Associates
Services Engineer: KW Consulting
Quantity Surveyors: Fleming Russell Stent