

LOCATION

Hellesdon, Norwich

CLIENT

Norwich Family Life Church

PROJECT

New Church

Norwich Family Life Church

The Norwich Family Life Church project is located on the former David Rice Hospital site in Drayton near Norwich. The new church will cater for a rapidly growing congregation. The NFLC team provided Feilden+Mawson with a very open brief which stipulated a contemporary and distinctive building set within parkland landscape.

The key principle of the design is that of strength which is conveyed by the large monolithic walls which point outward into the landscape. They provide shelter for the blocks of accommodation to sit safely within. The public spaces are transparent and welcoming using planar glazing whilst the private elements being more introverted and enclosed due to the nature of those spaces being used for personal reflection and learning. The client has been very satisfied with the development of the concept and has supported the design throughout the process including its entry for the Creative East Awards for Architectural Design 2008, which it subsequently won.

