

makin headlines...

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Makin it a double!

Urban Architects Makin Architecture received double recognition at this year's Manchester Society of Architects Design Awards.

The best un-built residential project prize was scooped by Holy Trinity Church in Bolton Town Centre, and the Wilbraham Road Synagogue in Fallowfield won the Conservation and reuses conversion category.

This twofold win brings the total to 10 MSA awards for Makin Architecture projects since 2000.



Pictured left:
*Wilbraham Road
Synagogue, Fallowfield,
Manchester.*

Pictured right:
*The proposed residential
scheme at
Holy Trinity Church,
Bolton*

Makin's ability to bring new innovative thinking to architecture is apparent and whilst both projects are essentially conservation projects they are noticeably diverse in the solutions delivered to retain and preserve the structures.

Chairman Ray Makin said... "Giving these buildings a new lease of life, hinged on providing designs that were commercially viable. Both buildings are listed and were redundant, however our design solutions have provided a definite future for both. Holy Trinity's conversion to residential was made feasible by a contemporary addition which contrasts strikingly with the original, and whilst the exterior remains essentially unchanged on phase 1 of the Wilbraham Road Synagogue, this was saved from certain redundancy by the insertion of a new community space above the prayer hall in the building's distinctive domed roof. Completion of phase 1 allowed unsightly buildings to the rear of the Synagogue to be demolished, and a distinctive contemporary structure will soon provide offices, amenities and apartments for 49 students".