



The Biosphere (Science Central Labs)

Client - Newcastle City Council

Sector - Regeneration | Completed Nov 2018 | Cost £20M

Services Delivered

- Project Management
- Architecture
- Quantity Surveying
- M&E
- Civil & Structural Engineering
- Business Case Development

Newcastle Helix is a 24-acre hybrid city quarter in the centre of Newcastle, built for international technology and science businesses, the local community and residents who will occupy the new urban housing planned. The site is a landmark development for science, business, living and leisure in the centre of Newcastle and is aimed specifically at catalysing relationships and collaboration between research

and commerce. The site specifically enables the co-location of commercial businesses with leading research departments from Newcastle University.

The Biosphere building is a living laboratory where solutions can be tested, demonstrated and commercialised; creating a lasting legacy of science, innovation and economic growth for the North East. Both The Biosphere and Helix are owned by a long-term partnership between Newcastle University and Newcastle City Council.

Aura was appointed by Newcastle City Council through the NEPO Framework for the delivery of a multi-disciplinary team to design and build the Science Central Laboratory scheme. This has since been re-named The Biosphere; and is a six storey building housing private laboratories based on the prestigious city centre Newcastle Helix site.



Construction work on the building completed in November 2018 and Aura now provides property management and marketing services for The Biosphere.