



The Belgrade Theatre was built in 1958, the first theatre built in the UK after the Second World War and the first built by a local authority. The Theatre's status as an important post-war building was recognised in 1998 when it was listed at Grade II.

Flint & Neill together with Stanton Williams Architects were appointed to undertake the redevelopment of the existing building, including the construction of a new auditorium and other works. The brief was developed with the aim of modernising the current building, resolving the theatre's inadequate rehearsal, workshop and performance facilities, and enabling it to develop into one of the country's leading regional theatres.

The scheme involves improving the existing public and backstage facilities and the construction of a new extension containing a second very flexible 300 seat auditorium and including new front of house and backstage facilities, a new rehearsal room, extra offices and a passenger lift.

Fair-faced concrete is used for much of the new extension which will be built with the existing theatre still in use. Then a lightweight steel structure will be constructed to form the link between the old and the new parts of the building, keeping shutdown periods to a minimum.

The total construction cost was approximately £7.3 million.

**Client:**  
Belgrade Theatre Trust

**Location:**  
Coventry, UK

**Service Dates:**  
2003 - 2007

**Services:**  
Structural Engineers

