



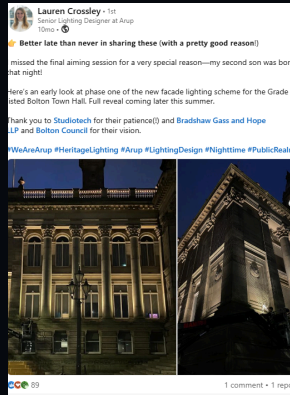
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BOLTON TOWN HALL & LE MANS CRESCENT

CLIENT Bolton Council

DESIGNER Arup

CONCEPT Arup's design for Bolton Town Hall, Le Mans Crescent and Victoria Square places people and placemaking at its heart, using light to celebrate heritage, strengthen identity, and support regeneration. Informed by an evidence-based approach, including night walks, baseline surveys, and stakeholder input, it aimed to create safe, welcoming spaces that encourage activity, support placemaking and landmark Bolton as a destination.



SOLUTION

A carefully coordinated façade lighting and control scheme that brings Inverness Castle to life after dark. The design highlights the building’s architectural features while respecting its historic character and the surrounding landscape, creating a subtle yet impactful presence along the River Ness.

PRODUCT

The project combined architectural façade lighting, flexible LED, bespoke crown level metalwork, and a fully integrated lighting control system.

All elements were designed, supplied, and commissioned as a single, coordinated solution, ensuring the lighting integrated naturally with the historic fabric of the building.

EXPERIENCE

Bolton Council now have a lighting and control solution that illuminates the building and enhances its visibility for people approaching the town centre from all main routes.

Developed as part of the wider Arup lighting masterplan, the project marks an initial step in the regeneration of Bolton town centre and the creation of a more active, engaging public realm. The lighting has been carefully designed to complement the architecture, bringing out key features of the façade and reinforcing the building’s character after dark, while contributing to a more welcoming night-time environment.

