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Pearce Leather Works, Northampton

New use for Grade II Listed Art Deco Leather Factory

Still owned by the family who built it in 1939 for their leather business, the works boasts many of its original features in outstanding condition. Acanthus Clews firstly prepared a master plan based on detailed conservation-based research and analysis of the cultural value of the building. A team of architects were involved in specific aspects of the master plan, including a building condition survey, a conservation plan and a development master plan.

The conservation plan, a specialist area for Acanthus Clews, was accepted by English Heritage. The plans for reuse, which will safeguard the future of the works, include retention of the Art Deco offices and the reordering of other areas. The powerhouse will be rebuilt as flats and the factory area converted into flats and some offices on the footprint of the existing building whilst land at the rear is proposed for large-scale housing development.