

# THE FURNACE KITCHEN

COALBROOKDALE - SHROPSHIRE

OSBORNES WAS APPOINTED BY IRONBRIDGE GORGE MUSEUM TRUST TO CREATE A NEW RESTAURANT WITHIN THE COALBROOKDALE WORLD HERITAGE SITE. OSBORNES USED ITS KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE IN CONSERVATION TO CONVERT AN, UNDER-CROFT AREA OF A VICTORIAN WAREHOUSE BUILDING INTO A CONTEMPORARY DESTINATION RESTAURANT.

THE DESIGN FOCUSED ON MAXIMISING THE HEIGHT WITHIN THE SPACE TO CREATE A SPACE THAT RELATED DIRECTLY TO THE EXISTING BUILDING. AN ALMOST FULL WALL OF CURTAIN WALLING HELPS TO PROVIDE A WELL LIT SPACE WHILST HELPING TO RETAIN A SENSE OF OPENNESS THAT PREVIOUSLY EXISTED. THE PROJECT EXTENDED THE CURTAIN WALL TO PROVIDE A NEW ENTRANCE TO THE EXISTING LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES ON THE UPPER LEVELS OF THE BUILDING GIVING A SENSE OF CONTINUITY TO THE LOWER ENTRANCE LEVEL.

INTERNALLY THE USE OF TIMBER CLADDING, EXPOSED ORIGINAL BRICKWORK AND STEEL CREATES AN INDUSTRIAL FEEL TO THE FINISHED RESTAURANT, THIS RELATES TO BOTH THE ORIGINAL BUILDING AND BROADER LOCAL INDUSTRIAL HISTORY.

AS PART OF THE INTERIOR DESIGN SCHEME PRODUCED BY OSBORNES, A NUMBER OF BESPOKE ITEMS SUCH AS SEATING, SHELVING, COUNTERS AND LIGHTS WERE COMMISSIONED TO FIT THE INDUSTRIAL AESTHETIC OF THE RESTAURANT.

