



<b>Project Address:</b>	Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley Park, Wembley, HA9 0FJ
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<b>Client:</b>	Brent Borough Council	<b>Date of completion:</b>	2013
<b>Architect:</b>	Hopkins	<b>Building type:</b>	Civic office & library
<b>Structural Engineer:</b>	URS	<b>Form of Specification:</b>	Unknown
<b>Project Manager:</b>	Turner & Townsend	<b>As-built surface finish classification in accordance with NSCS 5</b>	Special **
<b>Quantity Surveyor:</b>	Turner & Townsend	<b>Construction type:</b>	Hybrid
<b>M&amp;E Engineer:</b>	URS		
<b>Principal Contractor:</b>	Skanska		
<b>Concrete Contractor:</b>	Mitchellson		
<b>Concrete Producer:</b>	London Concrete		

\*\* Design specification was for “C - fine smooth” in accordance with BS 8110 which was relevant at the time of this project. “C - Fine smooth” is equivalent to NSCS v5 “Special”

<b>Summary Project Introduction:</b>	The Brent Civic Centre is located next to Wembley Stadium and Wembley Arena. The building houses the Brent Council’s administrative offices and a significant community space. The project was awarded BREEAM outstanding certification, the first project in its category to have achieved this at the time in the UK. 90% of the final structure is exposed concrete, maximising the operational energy saving potential of the concrete’s thermal mass. The building’s spaces are arranged around a foyer and atrium space which house a large staircase and public amphitheatre.
<b>Visual concrete overview:</b>	<p>This is a newbuild cast in situ frame with areas of post tensioned slabs for large spans and precast concrete stairs.</p> <p>The visual concrete elements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flat slabs</li> <li>• Round columns</li> <li>• Stairs</li> <li>• Core walls</li> </ul>
<b>Additional project specific features / notes :</b>	<p>Expressed regular board pattern. Cast in light fittings. Radius formwork in civic dome and library spaces. Recessed fillet features.</p> <p>The surface finish was described as “C - fine smooth finish” with respect to BS 8110 pt 1 which is equivalent to a “Special” finish in the NSCS v5.</p>
<b>Further reading:</b>	Concrete Quarterly Spring 2014 . AJ 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2013
<b>Visitor Access:</b>	The majority of this building is open to the public

## Further detailed information on specific finishes:

<b>Finish 01</b>
<b>Location: Slabs &amp; Soffits</b>

<b>NSCS 5 surface finish classification:</b>	Special **
<b>Construction method:</b>	Cast in situ post tensioned
<b>Placement method:</b>	Pumped

<b>Concrete Mix and Materials:</b>	
Cement content	Unknown
Water / Cement Ratio	Unknown
Cement type / addition %	40-50% GGBS
Strength	C40/50
Admixtures	Unknown
Other Additions	Unknown
Release agent	Vegetable based release agent
Sealant	Dust sealer applied

<b>Visual criteria</b>	
Colour	Natural grey
Blemishes	Unknown
Extent of blowholes	Unknown
Formwork	MDO ply - double boarded
Layout & joints	Regular plyboard pattern
Tie bolts	n/a
Flatness / Surface regularity	Smooth
Surface texture	Smooth
Surface reflectance	Unknown
Post finishing	Unknown

<b>Additional information</b>	
25% stent recycled aggregate used throughout. Many mock ups produced to try to match colour and sheen of precast and cast in situ elements. Example panels helped manage client and architect expectations of tolerances. No abrupt changes above 1mm requested in the specification. Greater than 1mm changes agreed as acceptable.	

<b>Finish 02</b>
<b>Location: Walls</b>

<b>NSCS 5 surface finish classification:</b>	Special**
<b>Construction method:</b>	Cast in situ
<b>Placement method:</b>	Pumped

<b>Concrete Mix and Materials:</b>	
Cement content	Unknown
Water / Cement Ratio	Unknown

## Visual Concrete Example Project Sheet

Cement type / addition %	40-50% GGBS
Strength	C40/50
Admixtures	Unknown
Other Additions	Unknown
Release agent	Lard used to dull finish of steel faced formwork before casting
Sealant	Dust sealer applied

Visual criteria	
Colour	Natural grey
Blemishes	Unknown
Extent of blowholes	Unknown
Formwork	Steel
Layout & joints	Unknown
Tie bolts	Flush filled
Flatness / Surface regularity	Smooth
Surface texture	Smooth
Surface reflectance	Unknown
Post finishing	Unknown

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