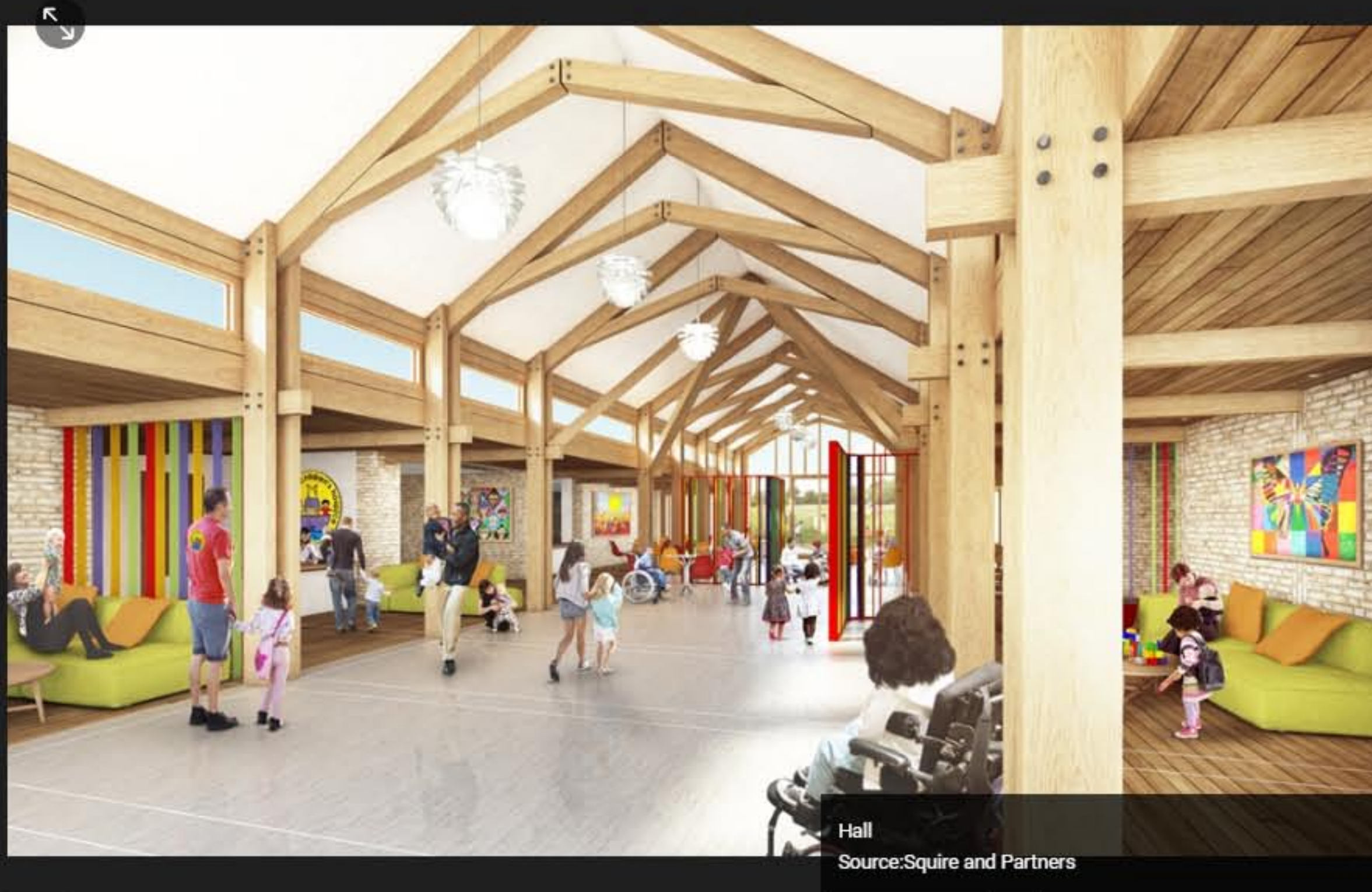


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Squire + Partners gets green light for north London children's hospice

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Hall
Source: Squire and Partners

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Barnet Council has granted planning permission for a new children's hospice in the north London borough designed by Squire and Partners

Plans for the 2,200m² hospice in Byng Road include an 'oak framed' hall, multi-faith room, childrens' bedrooms and family rooms.

The facility will provide on-site care and support for more than 450 children with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions and their families.

Murray Levinson, a partner at Squire and Partners, said the building would 'positively impact on the lives of children facing immense physical and emotional challenges'.

He added: 'Our aim is to create an uplifting environment to enrich the experience of those using the building, whether as patients, family members or support workers.'

The scheme is expected to start on site this summer, with a completion date scheduled for summer 2018.



SOURCE: SQUIRE AND PARTNERS
Ground floor plan

Architects' view

The design concept developed by eroding a square on each of its four edges to introduce connections with the landscape, evolving a natural plan of a central hall flanked by two protective 'wings' in which more private uses are arranged – a section each for therapy/play, children's bedrooms, family rooms and administration – all benefitting from garden views. A lower ground level contains bereavement suites, a multi-faith room, staff facilities and storage.

At the heart of the building is a light-filled vaulted hall, connecting all four wings and providing a series of flexible social spaces under a timber-framed pitched roof. Each gable end is predominantly glazed to offer a welcoming entrance and draw the landscape into the building.

Externally, the building is organised around the oak framed hall, a contemporary 'barn' space with glazed panels and painted timber fins, and four brick-clad wings with openable timber panels and windows overlooking the gardens, designed with areas for sensory play, contemplation, wild meadow and teens, all connected by a meandering path.

Project data

- Location** Byng Road, Barnet, Herts EN5 4NS
- Type of project** Children's Hospice
- Client** Noah's Ark Children's Hospice
- Architect** Squire and Partners
- Landscape architect** Gensler
- Planning consultant** Jones Lang LaSalle
- Structural engineer** Ramboll
- M&E consultant** KUT
- Quantity surveyor** DBK
- Funding Supported** by pro bono/at cost support from design/construction team
- Start on site date** estimated summer 2017
- Completion date** estimated summer 2018
- Contract duration** 12 months
- Gross internal area** 2,200m²

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