Archway Central Hall and Central Hall Buildings (Now Archway Methodist Church) opened to the public and were originally used as a place of worship for the Methodists, a cinema, a Sunday school.

Membership fell after World War 2. Cine projectors sold but screens remained. Central Hall began being used as a youth club through the Methodist Association of Youth Clubs (MAYC).

Youth Club use ceased and the congregation became significantly smaller.

Due to substantial maintenance costs coupled with the fact that the Main Hall was deemed to be “out-moded” and “apart from the period up to the war” it was “too large for normal requirements” significant alterations were made that included the removal of the tip-up seating cinema seats and the levelling of the Main Hall floor.

Archway Gyratory created leaving the Archway Central Hall isolated save for a subway system.

London Borough of Islington’s Social Services Department Occupied the Chapel and Prayer Room.

Membership numbers reduced to 186, in 1954 there were 537 members.

Significant refurbishment of the Central Hall resulted in the removal of original features such as the ticket office and cream faience tiling.

An attempt to list the building was made but was rejected owing to the high level of alteration, loss of distinctive features and the unexceptional quality of the Art Deco detailing.
Owing to the poor state of the Central Hall which resulted in a significant repair bill that proved unviable to undertake coupled with a dwindling congregation, Archway Central Hall was put on the market for sale by the Methodists but the Central Hall Buildings (Now Archway Methodist Church) were to remain in their ownership.

Archway Central Hall was locally listed by London Borough of Islington at Grade B in 1998; this is London Borough of Islington’s second tier of grading for locally listed buildings (out of Grades A, B and C). Access to Archway Central Hall via subway system stopped due to a series of robberies leaving Archway Central Hall and other buildings isolated.

After four years of being on the market, Archway Central Hall was finally sold to a firm of property developers and the congregation moved to from Archway Central Hall to a new worship centre in the Central Hall Buildings (now Archway Methodist Church) adjacent to Central Hall. This accommodation was said to be ‘a flexible and comfortable environment for worship’. At this point the Methodists had 162 members in Archway.

Demolition of the Central Hall was proposed by BDP Architects as part of a wider masterplan for the Archway Area but this was vehemently opposed by Better Archway Forum.

Better Archway Forum successfully managed to convince the new owners of Archway Central Hall to withdraw their proposals.

Flowenville Properties Ltd acquired Archway Central Hall.

Flowenville Properties submitted a planning application to London Borough of Islington which involved the conversion of existing building into a residential led scheme.

Flowenville refused planning permission by London Borough of Islington for the conversion of existing building into a residential led scheme.

Flowenville Properties plan on submitting a detailed planning application to demolish the existing building and replace with a high quality landmark building delivering a much needed community and employment use in the area.