

Chamberlain Halls Student Accommodation in Southampton

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PROJECT	Chamberlain Halls
CUSTOMER	University of Southampton
ARCHITECT	Stride Treglown/Architecture PLB
COMPLETION	2016
VALUE	£25m

Issue

This project was to provide a replacement for a 1958 build student hall which was failing to meet the changing needs of the students whilst also presenting the University with an increasing maintenance, management and environmental burden.

Chamberlain Halls forms part of the University of Southampton's 2,200 bed Glen Eyre complex which is situated in a residential area close to the main Highfield campus.

Developing on this residential campus, which had to remain operationally 'live' throughout, was a particular challenge.

Solution

The accommodation comprised a new 356 bedroom hall which had to be constructed whilst ensuring a safe environment and minimal disruption to the adjoining operational halls. Sensitive to this and the need to maintain the University's relationship with the local residents, the site team planned and implemented a programme of mitigation actions.

Their success was recognised with an

exceptional 45/50 by the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) who felt that the site "was a talisman for best practice, and the efforts of the site management personnel and all those associated with the project are to be applauded."

The architectural design incorporates a precast concrete frame with larch timber on the facade and zinc cladding on the roof and walls. Chamberlain Halls provides 356 premium en suite study bedrooms arranged in conventional cluster flats across 5 separate blocks. Facilities include a laundry, common room, student study area and improved cycle storage.

The scheme also delivered a new on-site bus interchange for the University's Uni-link bus service improving traffic flow along local roads.

Outcome

The hall was delivered with minimal disruption to the campus and has been extremely well received by both the University and the students, achieving 100% occupancy in its first year.

