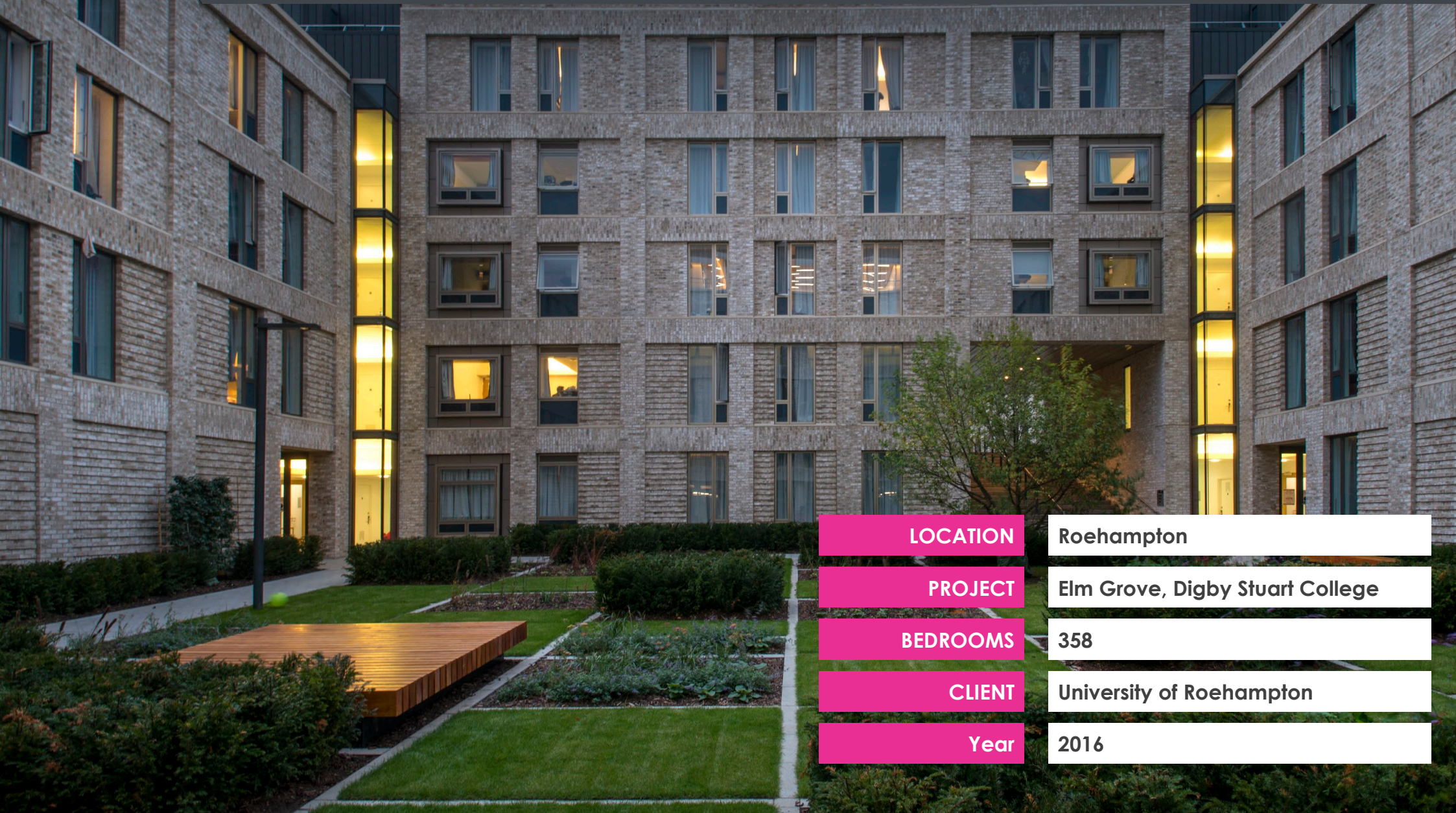




OSBORNE

Design and Build – Elm Grove Halls, Roehampton



LOCATION

Roehampton

PROJECT

Elm Grove, Digby Stuart College

BEDROOMS

358

CLIENT

University of Roehampton

Year

2016

Need

As part of ongoing planned investment to continue attracting the best students, the University of Roehampton in London procured a new student halls and conference centre.

Located within their 54 acre parkland campus, the new Elm Grove Halls would improve life for students in Digby Stuart, one of the universities four colleges. The design had to preserve the close-knit community enjoyed by their students and provide an inspiring environment to live and study on campus.

Critical to the build was reducing disruption to students and staff as the universities new state-of-the art library was to be constructed at the same time.

Solution

The Design

Designed around two courtyards the 390 en-suite student bedrooms were clustered in small flats. Each with a modern kitchen and communal areas in

which students and guests could work and socialise. A connecting event and conference suite provided a flexible arrangement to support university programmes outside of the academic terms.

Architectural fixtures and finishes delivered the level of quality expected by today's students. Small double beds were fitted in every room with data access and wifi. The flats had high-specification kitchens with modern and comfortable communal spaces.

The Build

Osborne were awarded the contract to build the halls together with the new RIBA award winning library. With the two sites running concurrently and located in the heart of the busy campus, segregation and logistics were critical to reducing the impact on student life and study.

Early meetings with the staff and students consolidated understanding of their needs. This was followed up with regular updates throughout. We worked closely with our sister library site to ensure deliveries were efficient and well managed.

Outcome

The £25m investment in the new Elm Grove Halls and conference centre is an attractive addition to the university's student living portfolio. Externally it complements the style of the neighbouring RIBA award winning library within the parkland campus.

For the university and the students, planning and delivery of the scheme met their expectations to control disruption and complete on time.

"Osborne has provided a first-class service; we've been kept fully up to date at every stage of the programme. Osborne's inclusive and forward-thinking approach to project planning has been instrumental in ensuring disruption has been kept to a minimum, which we're grateful for."

Ghazwa Alwani-Starr - Director of Estates and Campus Services, University of Roehampton