

NATSON BATTY ARCHITECTS



FUTURE BUILT



Recognised nationally as a future focused practice offering unique award-winning cross sector architectural design services.

Client Comes First

WBA and You

We strive to add value to every project by firstly taking the time to understand our clients and their specific needs and subsequently provide exceptional service combined with the highest levels of design and technical expertise.

We appreciate that good design must be combined with the ability to safely undertake projects to time and budget, and we employ only highly qualified personnel and the most sophisticated technology available to achieve these aims. We provide a truly multi-disciplinary service for a diverse client base operating in a range of sectors.

Our core business is Architecture, which is supported by a wide range of related specialist services carried out 'inhouse' by appropriately qualified staff. The Services provided include; Architecture, Masterplanning, Access Consulting, Listed Building Advice, Graphics & Visualisation, Party Wall Surveying, Health & Safety Management, Principal Designer, Interiors, and Project Management.

We undertake projects throughout the UK ranging from commercial refurbishments to multi-million pound new build projects and ground breaking regeneration schemes. Our cross sector experience includes; Learning, Retail, Commercial, Living, Regeneration, Industrial, Sport and Leisure, Transport and Faith related projects.

We have a management structure consisting of 5 Directors, 2 Regional Directors and 1 Associate Director. They are supported by 7 Associates, who manage each Sector, lead the design teams and monitor staff resource.

Watson Batty Architects will bring together a highly experienced team who are committed and dedicated to supporting our clients in the design and delivery of projects.

As a practice we have a successful track record in the design, delivery and completion of facilities which integrate a variety of uses, including retail, leisure and residential. This specific and relevant experience will be brought together and exploited to ensure the needs, requirements and aspirations of end users and key stakeholders are fully realised.

Conclusive evidence

The purpose of this document is threefold: through recent case studies and an articulation of our approach we will demonstrate the breadth of our experience, showcase the quality of our design and prove our appreciation for the standards and challenges that drive those who commission buildings.

About Us



Peter White
Managing Director

We design different buildings for different people.

Watson Batty Architects has more than 40 years' experience, creating many types of buildings across a diverse range of sectors. Today, our team comprises over 40 architects, interior designers, technicians and masterplanners, and we have studios in Leeds and Loughborough.

Our mission is to create supremely functional and inspiring new buildings that help our clients realise their business ambitions and uphold their responsibilities to the building user, the community and the environment.

We've built our valued reputation by adhering to these four guiding principles:

Providing measurable value

We create spaces that work. It's not enough for architecture to have a positive visual impact. We pride ourselves on offering cost-effective, feasible designs solutions that are buildable, functional and well-detailed.

Reliable and professional

Our clients don't just know us, they trust us. Our broad experience and our unbending commitment to deliver are two reasons why we have client relationships that span three decades.

Great to work with

We work openly and with energy. We believe the design process should be collaborative and enjoyable. Listening and understanding always come first. And as a project progresses, free-flowing communication remains central to its success.

Future-focused

We never stand still. Technologies and processes in our industry are constantly evolving and improving, and we readily adapt to offer our clients the best possible service. The need to push the boundaries of our capability is central to our ethos.



"We never stand still. Technologies and process are always evolving and improving and we need to adapt and change with them. It is our ethos to be future focused and always pushing the boundaries of our capability."

Hertha Ayrton STEM Centre, Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam University

“People I know I can work with”



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Architect & Board Director



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Bid & Marketing Coordinator



James Savage

Project Manager and Associate

Company Overview

With over 40 years industry experience, designing and working within various environments, our cross-sector knowledge is second to none. We understand how to get the most out of the design process and appreciate the complexities of managing the procurement process. Reliable, Professional, Knowledgeable, Watson Batty Architects are a trusted design practice.

Watson Batty Architects design and help create places for people. With over 40 architects, designers, technicians and masterplanners, we work across the UK from our studios in Leeds and Loughborough.

Founded in Leeds in 1976, Watson Batty Architects is an established design consultancy with many great buildings and accreditations to its name. Our ethos is to place users at the heart of the design process to create the very best environments, whatever purpose the building may serve.

Whatever sector it is, very little changes. Our approach is to create places which nurture and inspire no matter what the end user.

Working together with client teams our motivation as designers is to interpret and articulate the vision, and turn it in to architecture; all the while adding value at every opportunity.

The work showcased in this document is an introduction to our sector portfolio and covers selected recent projects. The projects are arranged across our key sector areas:

Learning – Whether the students are six, sixteen or twenty-six, our approach is to create special places that nurture and inspire.

Sport and Leisure – Few projects have as many stakeholders and such a wide impact as those in the leisure sector. A combination of design and management skills is our strength.

Retail – The goal is to attract customers. The challenges are local authority restrictions, cost constraints and strict completion programmes. The answer is our solid management skills.

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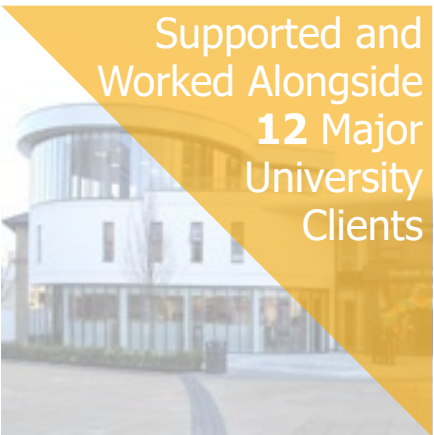
Industrial and Distribution – We’ve designed for the industrial sector since the practice was first founded – that’s over 40 years. It’s one reason our track record in the field is second to none.

Workplace – As the creator of some of the country’s largest commercial facilities for world-class brands, we’re a leader in the field.

Transport – Transport is an ever-moving field, and we ride the cutting edge of emerging theory and technology to create landmark buildings that serve users and enhance local communities.

Capitalising on our cross sector experience, we will look at various areas that can overlap into a number of sectors, for example Science and Research or Social and Recreational.

We will also explore other benefits and technological advances which we implement as a practice in our projects that enables us to design smartly and more efficiently but most of all, design better buildings for our clients. This will include Sustainable Design, Strategic Masterplanning and Building Information Modeling.





Learning

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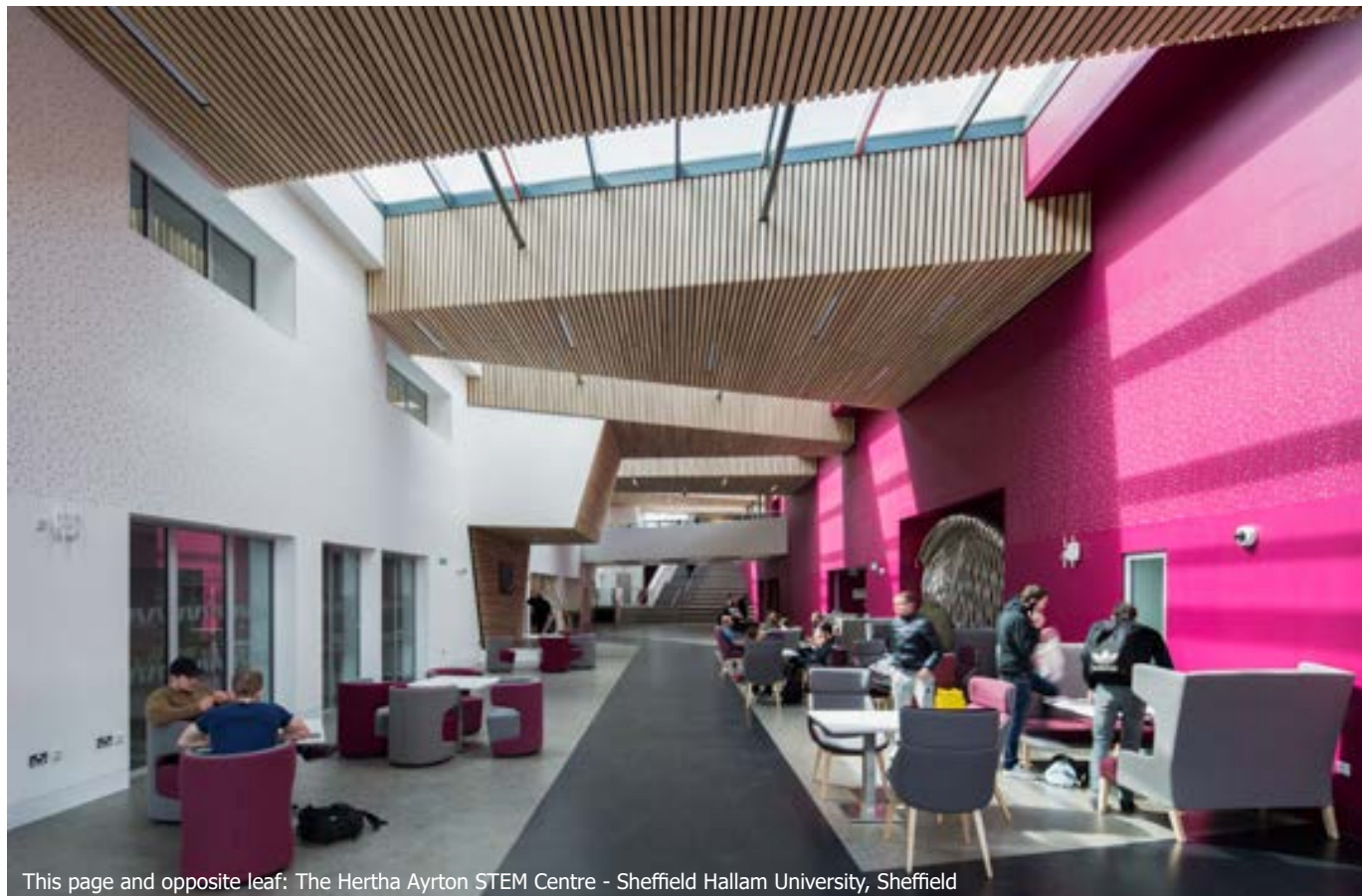
We have a 20-year heritage of designing outstanding facilities that support and enhance learning in all its forms, from nursery to higher education. This extensive experience has given us a deep insight into the needs of the educational world. Above all, we know that every environment is unique, and that's why we begin every project by learning about the client.

Our learning portfolio covers refurbishment and extension projects, major alteration and addition schemes, as well as new-build developments and campus masterplanning strategies. Consequently, we're well used to working in a live environment, collaborating with other consultants and delivering against unmoveable schedules.

We're also attuned to the nuances of modern educational thinking. We know that delivering flexible spaces that can be easily adapted for multiple uses is often a prerequisite. We understand that the experience of a place is defined as much by the incidental spaces as its formal learning facilities. And we recognise the need for our approaches to adapt as curriculums and technologies evolve.

Drawing on our honed expertise and cross-sector knowledge, we respond to such challenges with design and delivery solutions that are fresh, creative and, above all, relevant.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs RC Primary School, York, Roman Catholic Diocese of Middlesbrough



This page and opposite leaf: The Hertha Ayrton STEM Centre - Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield

"What a great scheme this is. The atrium looks stunning and it has been exceptionally well received so well done for a great piece of design! "

Daniel Ladbury, Director of Estates , Sheffield Hallam University

The Hertha Ayrton STEM Centre - Sheffield Hallam University

Located in Sheffield Hallam University's city campus the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) building supports the increased number of students studying in the department. The project works also include additional facilities for new chemical engineering provisions as an interdisciplinary collaboration between the Department of Engineering & Maths and Chemistry and Bio-Sciences.

The STEM facility creates a publicly accessible environment as a resource for nurturing enterprising work ready students in science and engineering, as a direct response to employer need and local and national economic policy drivers.

Following the initial design development and planning approval, undertaken by Watson Batty Architects, the team were novated to the Contractors, Houlton Construction, who constructed the project.

The associated contract works include extensive refurbishment of the existing Sheaf and Eric Menforth buildings as well as constructing a new atrium extension linking the two buildings. The total extent of the works provides 11,500 square meters of floor space dedicated to STEM teaching.

Circulation within the atrium from feature stairs creates four distinctive zones including: exhibition area, café, student help desk and a breakout area. The atrium has a feature entrance from Sheaf Street. The Sheaf Building has been extensively refurbished creating modern teaching spaces with large scale classrooms and break out spaces. Completed: August 2016.

“The company provided superb support with an amazing response time from day one, demonstrating an uncanny ability to get things right first time.”

Wes Johnson, Acting Principal, Craven College

Dixons McMillan Academy

Dixons McMillan Academy is the 4th Free School to be operated by the Dixons Academy Trust. Located on Trinity Road in Bradford the free school occupies the former Bradford College site. The proposals converted the existing college building into a Secondary School for 720 pupils aged 11 to 18.

Occupying the former Bradford College site on Trinity Road, Bradford, the proposals included the partial demolition of the existing building as well as the conversion of a new build extension and a new build free standing sports hall with changing facilities.

Responding to the clients brief the proposals create a school environment which is centred around a large multi-use 'heart' space. WBA created a central covered heart space by enclosing the existing semi-courtyard entrance area by providing a new glass frontage and entrance to the building. The existing building has undergone a major refurbishment to create suitable teaching spaces and facilities as well as allowing the academy to function efficiently and securely.

Alongside the new heart space and entrance foyer there is a new sports hall facility with integrated changing provisions and storage. Together with landscape and highways proposals the scheme was successfully completed in November 2016.



Dixons McMillan Academy, Bradford, Dixons Academy Trust



“This is their second project for the College. The team are easy to work with and engage with the building users well to define a design that works for the employer, staff and students.”

Robert Bellfield, Principal, Craven College

Ribblehead Building - Craven College

The new Ribblehead building provides modern purpose built accommodation for the college's construction facility. Integrated onto the main Aireville Campus the industrial design aesthetic provides it with its own identity within the cluster of surrounding buildings.

Engaging with the building end users we defined and developed the brief requirements, ensuring that room utilisation for the facility was maximised.

Existing site constraints (such as embankments down either long side and the retention where possible of existing mature trees at the western end) helped dictate the plateau area suitable for the footprint of the new building.

Due to the nature of the building's functional requirements, the accommodation mainly comprises of large workshops with associated storage, with a raft of ancillary accommodation. Given the nature of the site the accommodation was arranged linearly with the main circulation down one side feeding off into each room.

The mass of the building was split into two distinct elements; the monolithic form of the workshop wing and a lighter glazed element nestled protectively into the hillside where it is sheltered from prevailing winds and direct sunlight but connected to the inside of the building with the external landscape.

The principle of using energy efficient equipment and environmentally sustainable materials which are durable, low maintenance and have low life cycle costs informed the specification of materials, equipment, furniture and finishes. Completed: August 2015.



Above and opposite leaf: Ribblehead Building - Craven College, Skipton

“We found them to be highly competent, commercially focused and a practice with a real collaborative ethos. Their commitment to being fully immersed in our delivery team was a credit to them and had a significant positive impact upon the scheme.”

Shirley E Stott, Client Relationship Executive, RG Carter on Newark Leisure Centre
Image: Newark Leisure Centre, Newark, Newark & Sherwood District Council

Sport & Leisure

Few projects have as many stakeholders and such a wide impact as those in the leisure sector. A combination of design and management skills is our strength.

We’ve been involved with leisure schemes throughout the UK, and our experience in the sector covers all project stages. We work with both private and public operators, including local authorities, and we have a close relationship with a number of the leading main contractors.

The challenges of such schemes are many and diverse. Essentially, our consistent capability stems from our understanding of good design practice, compliance, robustness, flexibility and low maintenance. But we know that none of that matters without a culture of clear communication, particularly in the public sector where there are multiple stakeholders, end users and consultees.

We also pride ourselves on achieving low capital and operational costs, maximising high revenue returns and producing facilities that can easily adapt to the changing needs of the marketplace and end user.

Our reputation in the field sees us acting as client advisors pre and post tender, representing on client-side interview panels and working directly and indirectly for national sports governing bodies.

Washington Leisure Centre

Built on the site of the existing leisure centre, this exceptional new facility provides a modern, safe and welcoming environment, designed to encourage participation in a wide variety of indoor and outdoor sports and leisure activities.

The new building includes a six-lane, 25m main pool; a learner pool with a water feature and two water slides; a four-court sports hall; a health suite with a sauna and steam rooms; a spinning room; a 100-station wellness centre and ancillary accommodation. The scheme also includes floodlit five-a-side synthetic football pitches and a carpark.

Both the design and position of the Centre prioritise user access and improve safety by separating pedestrian and vehicular movement.

Visitors on foot, approaching from the town centre, Princess Anne Park or the surrounding housing estates, will enter a central hub via a tree-lined avenue. This visually attractive area serves an informal 'meet and greet' function.

The elevation treatment is simple but effective. We opted for a 'soft' approach, utilising a mix of timber and insulated composite cladding panels. Sedum roofing helps to knit the building into the green surroundings of the village green and Princess Anne Park.

The glazed area is thoughtfully positioned to enhance connectivity between the internal and external spaces while maintaining privacy for users of the pool hall. Completed: April 2015.

"Watson Batty Architects design proposals show a balanced approach of creativity, flexibility, functionality and cost efficiency. They demonstrated a real teamwork approach and dedication to the project outcome."

Richard Van Emmerik, Managing Director, Pellikaan Construction



Above and opposite leaf: Washington Leisure Centre, Sunderland, Sunderland City Council



Graham Solley Sports Development Centre

This new purpose-built two-storey Sports Centre provides an inspiring home for the Sheffield United Cricket Club, British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) teams and a number of local community sports clubs.

The building houses twelve team changing rooms, a bar, kitchen and ancillary accommodation.

Our designs for possible future development of the site includes a four-courts sports hall, a multi-use room, further ancillary accommodation and a safe pedestrian/cycle route from the main site entrance.

Detailed site analysis and a desire to maximise visibility shaped the overall design concept for the building. Its carefully considered position, at the centre of the site, provides 360° views from the first floor onto the show rugby pitch, the football pitch, two full-size synthetic turf pitches and the cricket pitch.

The building was also conceived with a high level of flexibility in mind. For example, the ground floor could be divided into three pavilions, each with four changing rooms, allowing a range of room sizes in each zone.

As a sporting hub for the area, the pavilion will provide local clubs, the community and university students with access to high-quality sports facilities. Completed: October 2013.

“An extremely striking building designed to high standards. It was very warmly received on completion and continues to please all who visit!”

John Senior, Senior Project Manager, Facilities Directorate, Sheffield Hallam University



Above and opposite leaf: Graham Solley Sports Development Centre, Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam University

Retail

The goal is to attract customers. The challenges are local authority restrictions, cost constraints and strict completion programmes. The answer is our solid management skills.

In retail, practicality is as an important factor as creativity. As well as our ability to work on live sites continuously and safely, we excel at hands-on coordination and successfully balance value and affordability with exceptional design and planning.

We act as lead designer for both shell and fit-out contracts, from large-scale newbuild to small-scale strategic remodelling and refurbishment of existing retail estate. Our adaptability and range of diverse skills have helped us maintain 30-year partnerships with some clients.

And as our clients' business needs evolve, we grow and adapt our skills to meet them. With our forward-thinking mindset, we focus on meeting long-term sustainability goals and respond to changes such as workstream focus.

Image: Food Superstore & Petrol Filling Station, Elland, Wm Morrison Supermarkets plc



Food Superstore, Blyth

This scheme was developed over several years, in partnership with Northumberland County Council. It forms a major part of the on-going reinvigoration of Blyth town centre, which will ultimately see the investment of over £25m and involve the demolition of some redundant town centre properties.

The project paves the way for further work to upgrade the town's retail heart, including the redevelopment of Market Place and the Keel Row shopping centre.

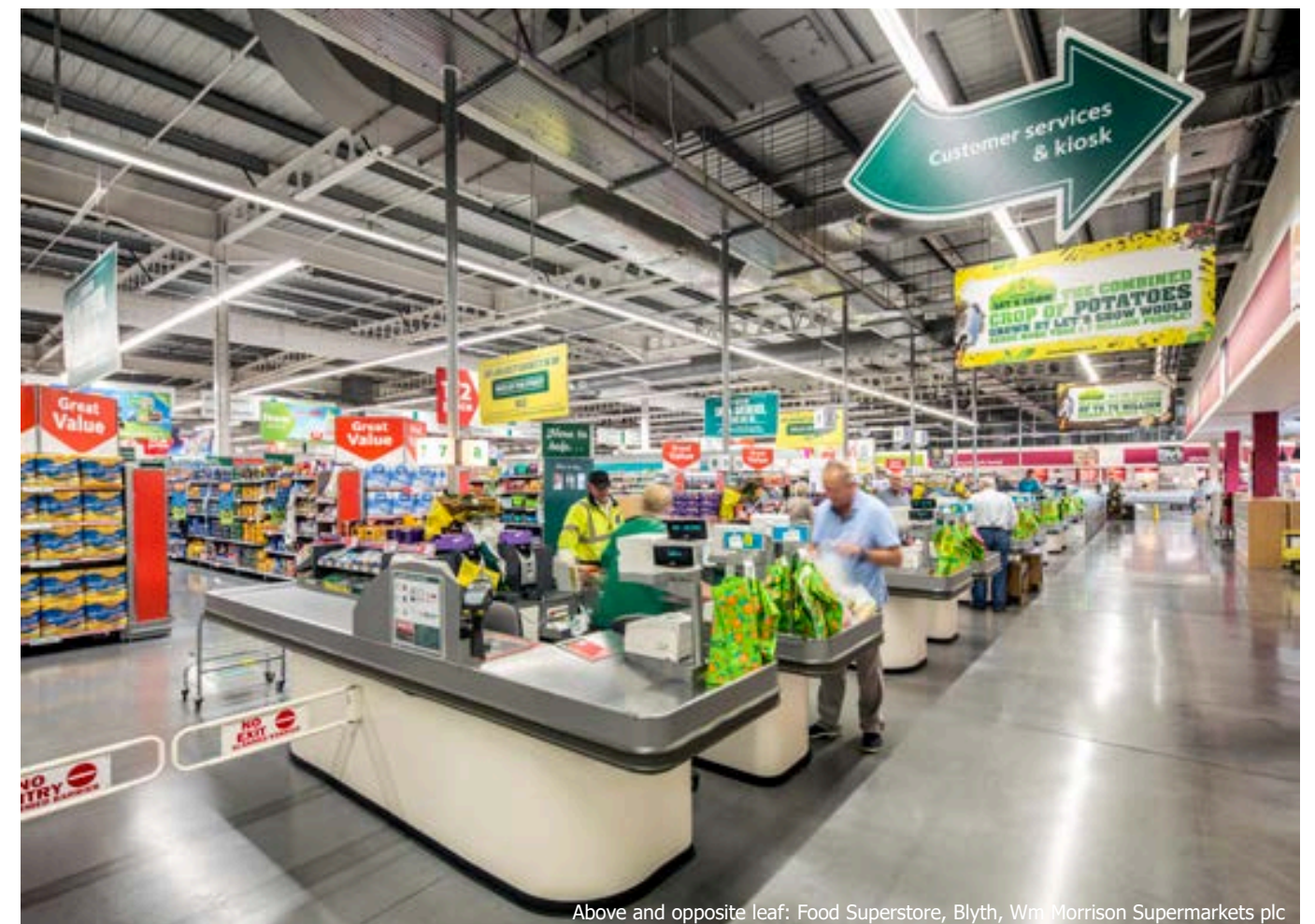
In line with other Morrison's schemes currently underway, the project follows the successful 'store of the future' concept. However, the design underwent various alterations since planning approval was granted. The challenge was to achieve a building that meets the requirements of the Local Authority, in visual terms, while delivering an economic build solution for the client.

Throughout this complicated regeneration scheme, the existing store was maintained at all times, and the new store opened on schedule. Completed: Store - January 2013, Development - July 2013.



"During the build process we found that they could be totally relied upon to smooth out any problems and were always a reassuring and approachable presence for ourselves."

Steve Howard, Development & Partnership Manager, Southdale Ltd



Above and opposite leaf: Food Superstore, Blyth, Wm Morrison Supermarkets plc

M-Local Convenience Stores, Ilkley and Wilmslow

As part of their overall expansion plan, the introduction of the new M-local format was Wm Morrison Supermarkets first step into the convenience shopping sector. Working alongside the supermarket chain we designed and coordinated the delivery of their first store in Ilkley, West Yorkshire in 2011.

The Ilkley store created an inviting and innovative shopping experience from what was a dilapidated former college building. Planning the necessary accommodation was a challenge, with substantial alterations being necessary to house the mechanical and refrigeration equipment. Despite the difficulties of working with a challenging existing structure the concept and design was well received by local customers, the media, and the National Association of Convenience Stores, resulting in it being Highly Commended in the 2011 International Convenience Retailer of the Year Awards.

While undertaking work on the Ilkley Store, we were commissioned to design the second store located in Wilmslow, Cheshire. A particular challenge at this M-Local was the design of a secondary structural frame to open up the interior and provide the store with its appealing, spacious internal ambience. Since opening, it has traded well and is presenting strong competition to similar operators in the town.

As Lead Designer for the shell and fit-out contracts on the two stores, we successfully overcame challenges and technical hurdles at both Ilkley and Wilmslow in order to meet the clients design aspirations. The stores were delivered in 14 and 10 weeks respectively. Both stores completed: August 2011.



This page: M Local Convenience Store, Ilkley. Opposite leaf: M Local Convenience Store, Wilmslow. Client: Wm Morrison Supermarkets plc



"The team developed an innovative, yet practical approach to the development, creating a design that embodies our core values. We would recommend Watson Batty without question."

Caroline Verity, Director, Skipton Properties

“On site, Watson Batty’s practical skills in designing purpose built houses for purchasers and implementing on site have made the construction phase successful.”

John Radcliffe, Director, John Radcliffe & Sons on Beech Farm
Image: Kearns Village, Rossendale, Skipton Properties Ltd

Living

From a bespoke new-build to volume-built regeneration, there is a simple human need that drives us: the happy bond between the resident and their home.

The infinite diversity of people and places is a fact that inspires us when designing and delivering outstanding homes. We pride ourselves on creating living environments that meet individual needs in both general housing and specialist living. A wide-ranging demographic is a reality in many projects, and answering such demands has given us a reputation for flexibility and problem solving, resulting in some long-term client partnerships.

Those clients trust us to understand the brief and produce consistently high standards of design and buildability with a best-value approach. And through repeat business, we naturally develop invaluable cross-tenure knowledge.

Looking to the future, our focus in the sector is widespread, and we will continue to adapt to evolving market opportunities, with sustainability increasingly high on the agenda.



Extra Care Housing Wharfedale View

The flagship scheme of 45 self-contained Extra Care apartments at a prominent site in Yeadon, West Yorkshire, for Leeds City Council.

The development consists of 18 one-bedroom and 27 two-bedroom apartments and include a range of communal facilities and outdoor spaces. The new development provides the elderly with contemporary, spacious state-of-the-art living accommodation with the confidence of care and support when needed.

The specification called for almost Passivhaus thermal standards that set a new benchmark for the Council's new build programme, with aspirations to achieve a BREEAM Very Good rating overall.

Watson Batty Architects developed the scheme in Revit to allow collaboration in conjunction with the structural, engineers, mechanical and electrical engineers and specialist sub-contractors enabling the Contractor to benefit from construction efficiencies through a more coordinated information flow.

The scheme was developed in accordance with the Leeds Model of Extra Care Housing. With a high specification of rooms and flexibility of multi-use communal areas, the scheme is well positioned to adapt to the changing needs and demands of future generations. Completed: December 2016.



Above and opposite leaf: Extra Care Housing Wharfedale View, Yeadon, Leeds City Council

"We are delighted with Wharfedale View. It's a flagship scheme for the council; providing spacious and modern accommodation but more crucially, it will enable older people to live independently with the reassurance of care and support when they need it."

Lorraine Wright, Housing Growth Team, Leeds City Council



“They brought a great deal of knowledge and reassurance to the project and their creativity and design innovative of the scheme has received much recognition.”

Susan Brearley, Housing Development Manager,
Incommunities on Chain Street Development

Chain Street, Bradford

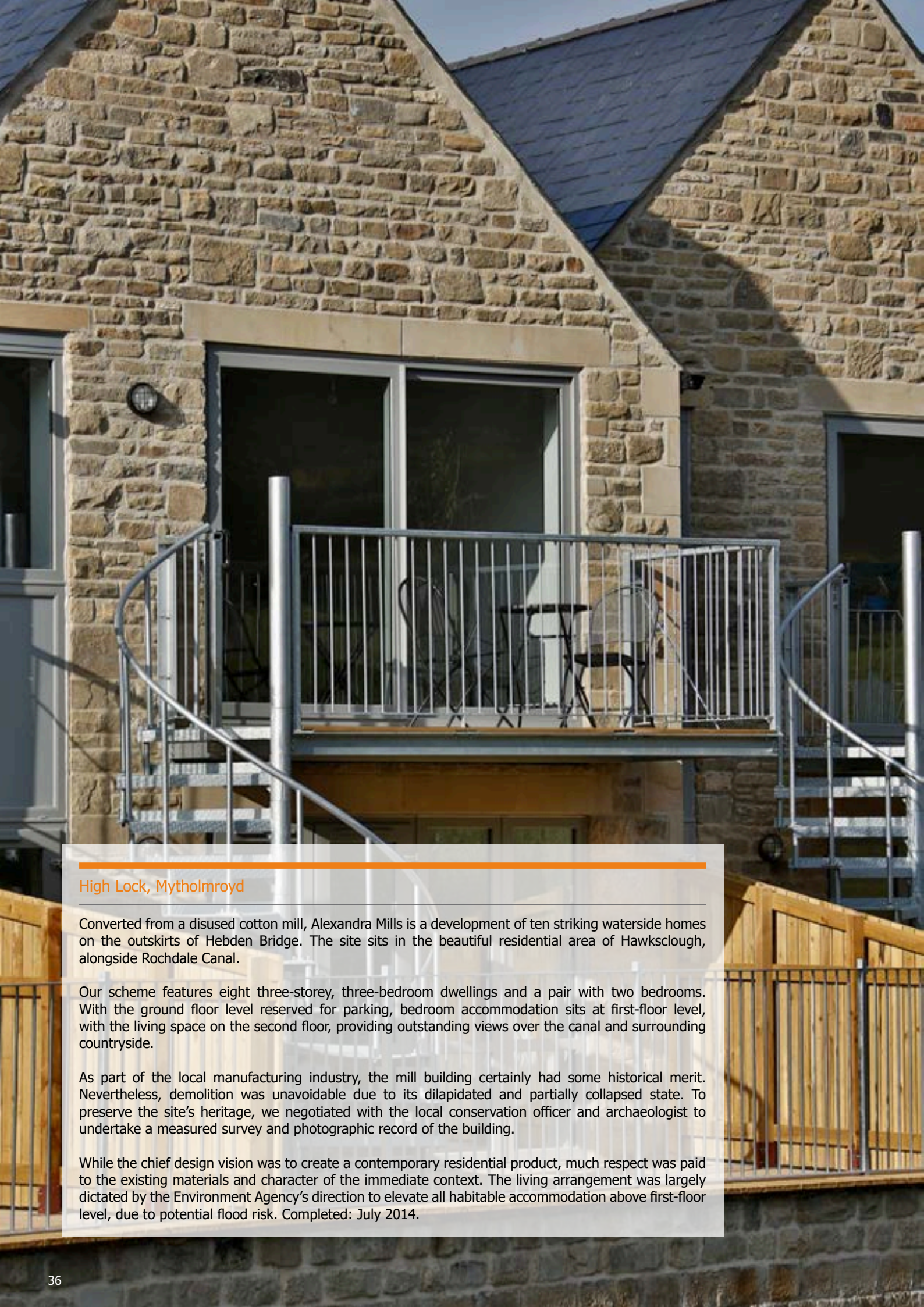
Chain Street is the first new build site to be developed as part of an overall regeneration strategy and the result of an Options Appraisal, previously commissioned by Bradford Metropolitan District Council and Incommunities. Kick starting this area-wide renewal process, adjacent sites within the Goitside Conservation area have been refurbished. Funding for the new Chain Street units has been secured from the Homes and Communities Agency.

The scheme consists of 32 new build, two, three and four-bedroom family houses. The tenure is a mix of affordable rent, market rent and private units for sale. Each of the 2 and 3-storey homes will feature private, incurtilage parking and secure amenity space, to create a sense of ownership. In layout terms, the properties are arranged around a new, adopted mews court with the perimeter block fronting onto the public realm.

Satisfying Secured by Design requirements, the site has a single point of vehicular and pedestrian access which contributes to privacy and natural surveillance. External design features include regular-coursed natural stone on the ground-floor facades and render on the upper floor facades, with artificial slates to the asymmetrical roof planes. The scheme for the Linear Park was prepared by re-form Landscape Architects. Completed: July 2015.



Image: Chain Street, Bradford, Barnfield Construction/Incommunities



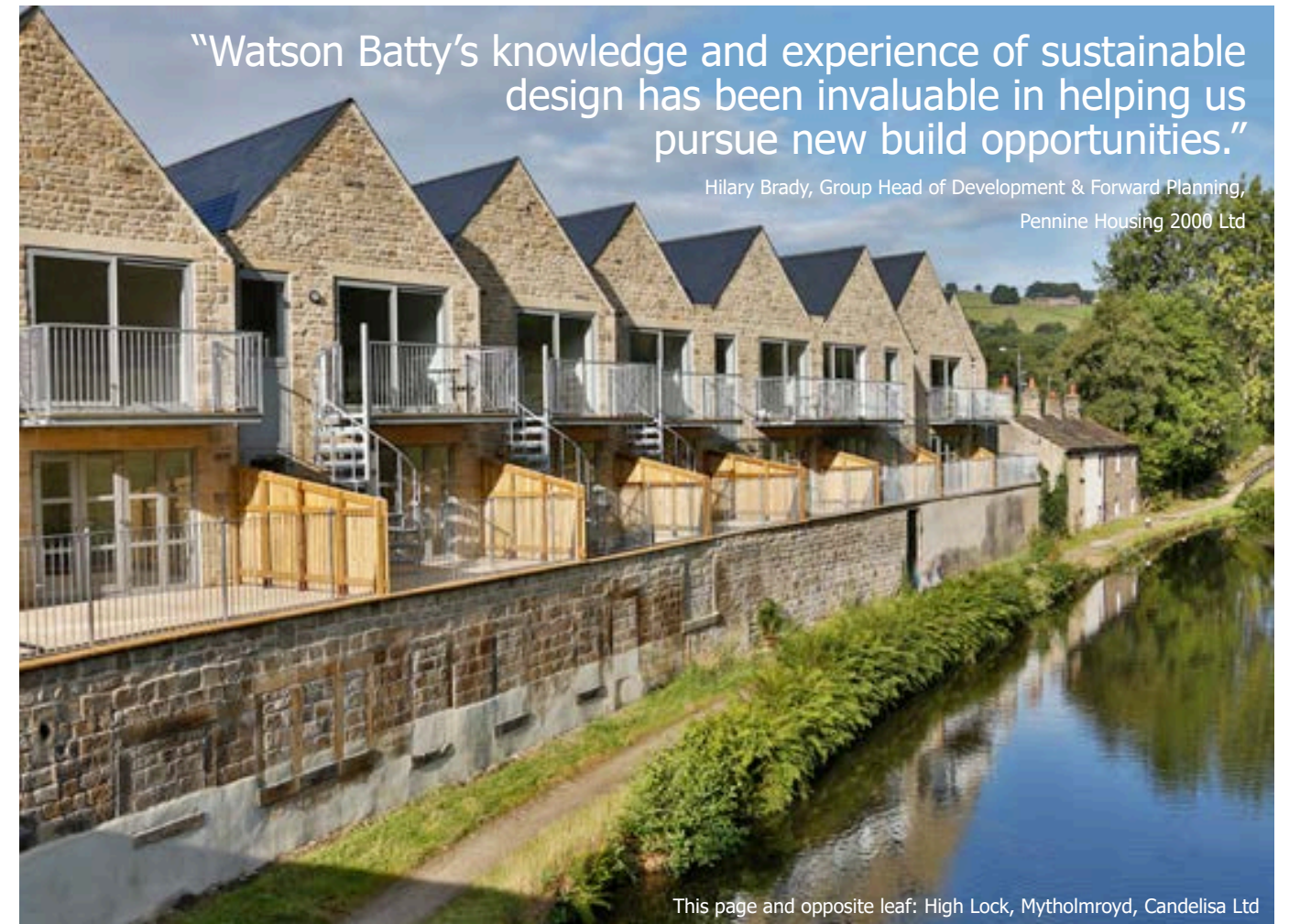
High Lock, Mytholmroyd

Converted from a disused cotton mill, Alexandra Mills is a development of ten striking waterside homes on the outskirts of Hebden Bridge. The site sits in the beautiful residential area of Hawksclough, alongside Rochdale Canal.

Our scheme features eight three-storey, three-bedroom dwellings and a pair with two bedrooms. With the ground floor level reserved for parking, bedroom accommodation sits at first-floor level, with the living space on the second floor, providing outstanding views over the canal and surrounding countryside.

As part of the local manufacturing industry, the mill building certainly had some historical merit. Nevertheless, demolition was unavoidable due to its dilapidated and partially collapsed state. To preserve the site's heritage, we negotiated with the local conservation officer and archaeologist to undertake a measured survey and photographic record of the building.

While the chief design vision was to create a contemporary residential product, much respect was paid to the existing materials and character of the immediate context. The living arrangement was largely dictated by the Environment Agency's direction to elevate all habitable accommodation above first-floor level, due to potential flood risk. Completed: July 2014.



"Watson Batty's knowledge and experience of sustainable design has been invaluable in helping us pursue new build opportunities."

Hilary Brady, Group Head of Development & Forward Planning,
Pennine Housing 2000 Ltd

This page and opposite leaf: High Lock, Mytholmroyd, Candelisa Ltd



Industrial and Distribution

We've designed for the industrial sector since the practice was first founded – that's over 40 years. It's one reason our track record in the field is second to none.

With such a grounding, it's hardly surprising that our working knowledge is broad. We've designed and delivered every conceivable project type, from one-off new-build factories to the planning of entire estates. We've designed premises for distribution, logistics, warehousing and processing, and our clients are both developers and end users.

Our architects specialising in this sector and the supporting team of technical staff have developed a keen understanding of the key requirements of such facilities, the processes that happen inside them and their associated external areas. Creating effective site layouts and state-of-the-art energy efficient solutions are just two of the many benefits of our long experience.

It's certainly an area that requires a firmly practical approach, but it also demands an ability to deal with the uncommon. Developing innovative solutions for unique situations is often our answer.





This page and opposite leaf: Royal Mail Medway Mail Centre, Kent, Royal Mail Group

"Watson Batty are on our consultants framework and have successfully delivered numerous projects. The company works well as lead consultant being part of the design team; their collaborative approach has helped to ensure projects are maintained to the various targets on programme and cost."

Alan Smith Hill, Head of Infrastructure Estate, Royal Mail Group

Royal Mail Medway Mail Centre

To realise Royal Mail's Kent strategy to provide improved efficiencies in mail operations, we were engaged to design a new Mail Centre, incorporating highly mechanised mail sorting technology. Our long-term relationship with Royal Mail has resulted in the creation of a unique set of building standards. And it was these standards that dictated the design of the operational layouts within the Kent site.

Subtly integrated into the main operational spaces, the site includes an innovative welfare facility, featuring an individual self-mess area, a restaurant and relaxation space.

Everything revolved around the automated sorting equipment. To be operational, the minute construction work finished, it was vital that the machines were installed while the contractor was on site. To orchestrate this timely sequence, we developed a complex phasing programme.

The new building was completed in 11 months and met critical timescales. The welfare facility sets a new standard for staff care. Completed: February 2012.

Rathbone's Bakery Rebuild, Wakefield

July 3rd 2016 saw a catastrophic fire that raised an existing section of the bread factory to the ground. Watson Batty Architects have subsequently been closely involved with developing the buildings specification, submitting a planning application and then developing construction information for the construction works.

Building on their detailed knowledge of food production buildings and their long term working relationship with the client organisation WBA have been key to delivering this building to a tight programme and to budget.

Liaising directly with the Client WBA have produced detailed room data sheets and have played a fundamental role in the coordinated installation of the specialist equipment at the end of the project ensuring that all services etc. are available as required. Due for completion: January 2018.



Above and below: Rathbone's Bakery Rebuild, Wakefield, Wm Morrison Supermarkets plc and R N Wooler & Co. Ltd



"Professionalism and integrity are the two dominant qualities we would associate with them. They bring different qualities to the design process and what they achieved in terms of empathetic design for us was excellent."

Steve Howard, Development & Partnership Manager,
Southdale Ltd

“Time and cost were our biggest challenges yet we have been able to deliver a great product within these constraints. Excellent job!”

James Buratti, Programme Manager, Royal Mail Group



Northwest Parcelforce Hub, Chorley

Parcelforce Worldwide is the world's largest delivery network, reaching 99.6% of the world's population. Creating a large and efficient North West Hub at Chorley is a strategic investment by Royal Mail, to substantially increase the organisation's nationwide capacity – key to the organisation's future success. And, not surprisingly, it all had to be completed before the Christmas postal stampede.

The building comprises 44 large loading docks that link directly to the mechanisation and parcel movement systems contained within the building. The site also features a separate two-storey office block, housing welfare, office and administration facilities.

Our team were essential to the project from feasibility to completion.

With the immovable deadline in mind, the building shell was designed to be erected extremely quickly. It enabled the early installation of the mechanised conveyor while the rest of the works were completed. To protect mail items from the external elements, full-length canopies cover the loading areas. And, as part of its heating strategy, the building uses SolarWall: a maintenance-free, solar air heating system that heats ventilation air and improves overall air quality.

The resulting state-of-the-art facility can process an incredible 12,000 parcels an hour. Sustainability-wise, it achieved a BREEAM rating of 'Very Good'. The project also won several awards, including the RICS North West Commercial Project of the Year and a key International Safety Award. Completed: September 2013.



This page and opposite leaf: Northwest Parcelforce Hub, Chorley, Royal Mail Group

Workplace

As the creator of some of the country's largest commercial and industrial facilities for world-class brands, we're a leader in the field.

This position is thanks to a combination of creativity, innovative environmental awareness, rigorous project management and stringent cost control. Our clients rely on us to develop a bespoke concept, adapting designs as the projects unfold to accommodate specialist equipment and challenging processes. They trust us to deliver a commercially viable solution, focusing on long-term energy use and selecting tried and tested efficiency measures.

Our dependability is why many commercial clients have stayed with us for over 20 years. The resulting closeness allows us to flex with changes in their business. We're equally adept at responding to changes in the industry. As legislative constraints become ever more technically complex, we're increasingly addressing estate strategy schemes. And to meet 24/7 demands, we've excelled in delivering projects that embrace a sustainable, whole-life building solution.

"Their Designers listened, considered and where appropriate challenged to fully understand, develop and answer the project brief."

Ged Simmonds, Project Director, Laing O'Rourke

Image: Dilbag Cloth House Ltd, Bradford, Harris Street Development





International Surgical Skills Centre

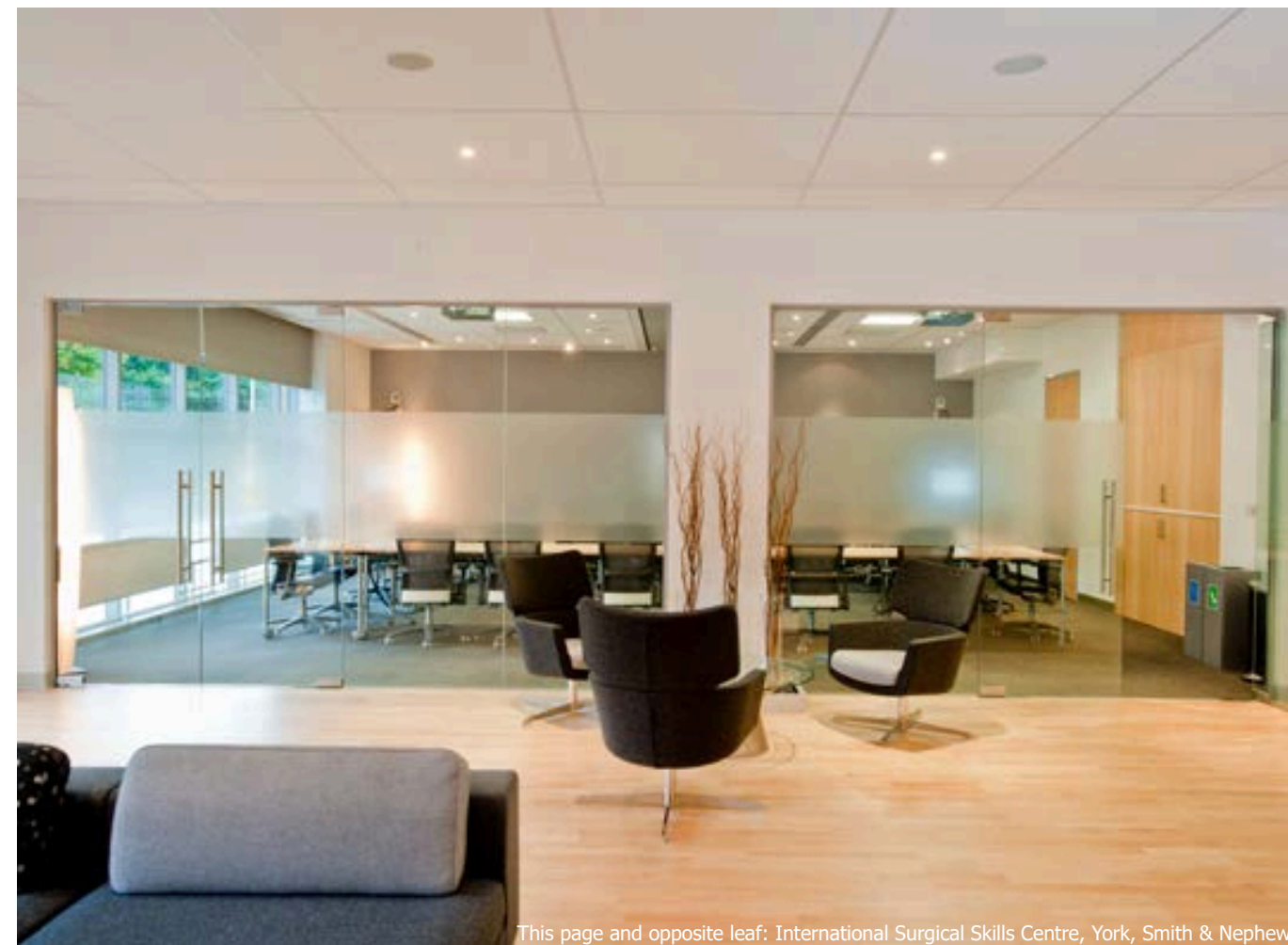
The Smith & Nephew Surgical Skills Centre at the Science Park in York represents a multi-million pound investment into leading edge teaching, training and conference facilities. This internal refurbishment and alteration of the existing building complements the Science Park's current administration, research and development activities.

Watson Batty was appointed to support the detailed design and construction delivery of the centre. The project involved the detailed coordination of highly complex specialist services and equipment, together with rollout of Smith & Nephew's corporate brand across the interior spaces.

Located in the heart of York Science Park the centre is a flagship education facility. It offers training across the entire Smith & Nephew product range including arthroscopy, orthopaedics and wound management.

The Centre includes an expansive, hands-on laboratory that features 14 wet-lab stations with a capacity of up to 42, a two-station mini lab, clean lab storage and preparation areas. The facility also features an 82 space lecture auditorium with cutting edge audio-visual capabilities. Supporting the laboratory suite are private meeting rooms, agile conference facilities, lounge areas with internet access as well as dining and catering facilities.

The successful delivery of this project was largely due to Watson Batty establishing a strong working relationship with the key members of the client team. As a result we received a follow on appointment to aid Smith & Nephew with developing a 'blueprint' design and specification document for their existing and future facilities. Completed: March 2010.



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“They have invested in their workforce consistently over the years to ensure that the team is not just technically at the top of its game but also in the equally important aspects of leadership, management and team development.”

Michael Barker, Managing Director, Performance Development Group

Image: Pudsey Bus Station, Pudsey, West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (METRO)
Concept design by Jefferson Sheared Architects

Transport

Transport is an ever-moving field, and we ride the cutting edge of emerging theory and technology to create landmark buildings that serve users and enhance local communities.

Having built some long-term client relationships, we maintain an intimate knowledge of their requirements and concerns, offering the safest, most efficient and sustainable designs. We provide an innovative, problem-solving service, exploring conceptual solutions that address ongoing challenges in safety, access, equipment and facilities. Delivering to set timescales and within an agreed budget is an unbreakable rule – going the extra mile is an inherent work ethic.

Championing long-term sustainable energy use is also a priority for us, and, wherever feasible, we advise clients on workable ways to achieve the lowest possible running costs.

Our experience in the field covers new-build and, increasingly, refurbishment and extensions, where we're successfully delivering continuing programmes to remodel existing stock.





This page and opposite leaf: Brighouse Bus Station, Brighouse, West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (METRO)

Brighouse Bus Station

Brighouse Bus Station is the latest in a series of successful projects to upgrade the passenger facilities for local bus operator Metro.

The new building replaces the outdated, free-standing bus shelters with an enclosed, modern and user-friendly facility that provides real-time electronic travel information and safe passenger shelter with full CCTV coverage.

Passenger safety is paramount in any public transport scheme, and it was certainly a critical element in this small but complex scheme. Since completion, passengers benefit from comfortable and secure public areas and much-improved pedestrian links with the town.

This neglected area was transformed into an attractive town centre transport hub.

Another major consideration was that the bus station was to be kept operational at all times. To facilitate this need, we devised a programme of phases and temporary works to ensure that disruption to passengers was kept to a minimum.

Wrapped up in the bus station project were some other key works for the Local Authority. As a result, this neglected area was transformed into an attractive town centre transport hub. Completed: May 2009.



“We are especially pleased with the quality and design levels that we have delivered...which we believe will set a new standard for our future developments.”

Gert-Jan Peeters, Director, Pelikaan Construction
Image: Leeds Bradford International Airport, Leeds

Leeds Bradford Airport

Over the course of two years we delivered a series of projects both within the airport and the terminal building. The works included the relocation of over twenty commercial and retail tenants alongside Special Branch & Worldwide Duty Free with the aim of enhancing the passenger experience at Leeds Bradford Airport.

Improving circulation & flow around the terminal was a major client objective and one which was needed to accommodate increased passenger numbers and carrier routes. Part of the strategy was to create a 150 metre long, 3 lane covered external walkway from the terminal together with a major departure gate refurbishment. The passenger scanning area was re-planned with feature lifts being installed to increased the efficiency of people movement as well as improving access for wheelchairs and those with mobility issues.

All works were undertaken both airside and landside within the constraints of a live, working airport environment all to facilitate the future-focused expansion and refurbishment plans of this major European airport. Completion: Ongoing.

“We have engaged them on several projects and found their approach to design to be inspirational and thoughtful.”

Clive Wilson, Director of Estates & Facilities, University of Bradford

Image: University of Bradford - STEM Building, Bradford

Science and Research

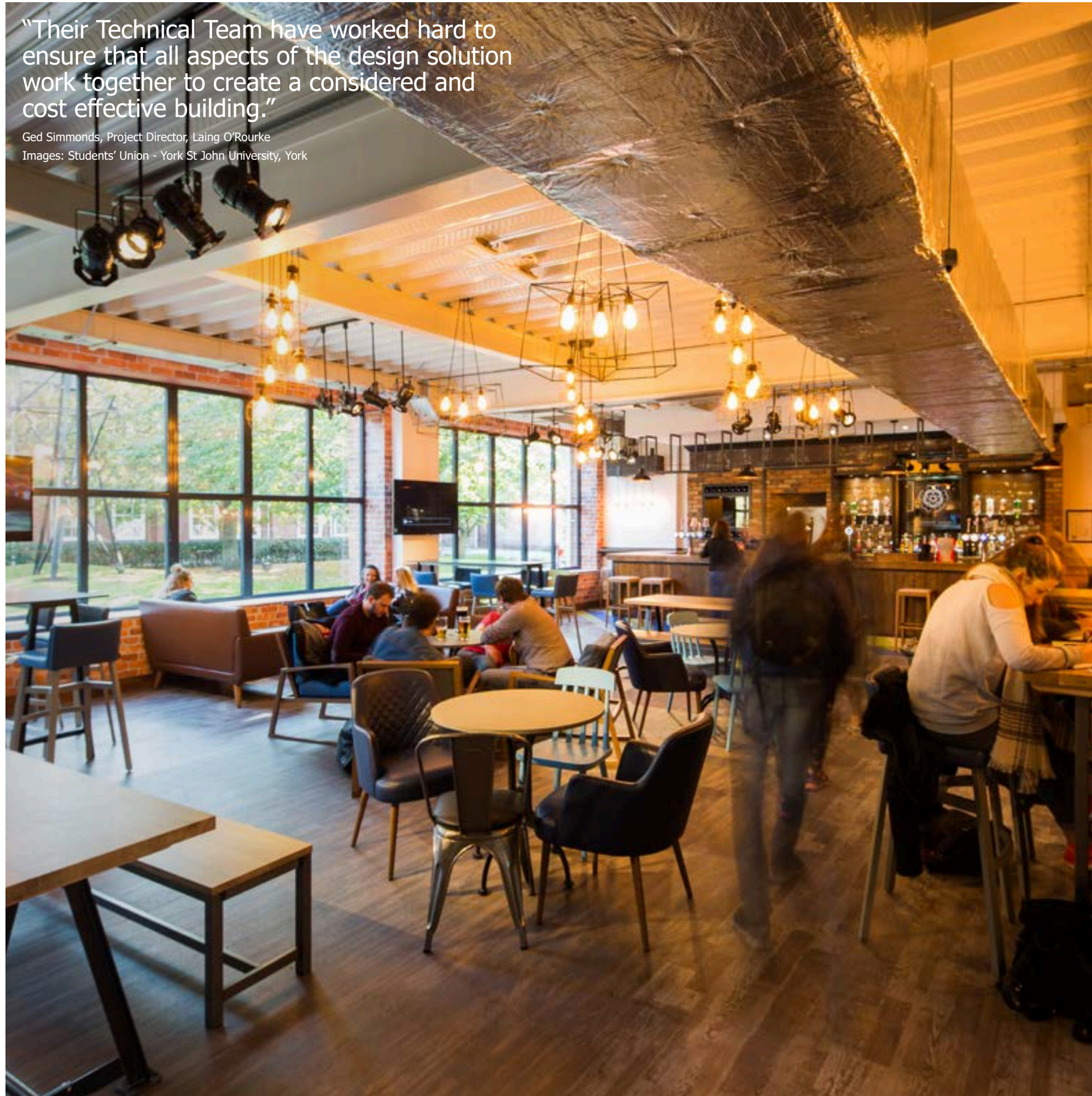
Facilities that provide the environment for technological and scientific advancements.

Capitalising on our experience of working across academic, commercial and industrial sectors, these buildings are innovative, high tech and complex but never eclipse the fundamental drive to create effective and enjoyable environments.

From the provision of training space for students of all ages, equipping them with the skills to inspire the next generation of scientists, to highly specialised laboratories dedicated to nutrition, genomics, cell biology and psychology we have a detailed knowledge of the space requirements and building specifications required to deliver these bespoke environments.

“Their Technical Team have worked hard to ensure that all aspects of the design solution work together to create a considered and cost effective building.”

Ged Simmonds, Project Director, Laing O'Rourke
Images: Students' Union - York St John University, York



Social and Recreation

Recreational spaces of any kind answer the basic human need to interact on a social level.

In the complex workings of a modern learning institution, classrooms are only half the story. Dining halls, cafes, play spaces, meet & greet areas, students' union bars and shops all answer the basic human need to interact on a social level. Small spaces matter too – places to just sit, enjoy a coffee and chat all have a place in the masterplanning of any learning environment. And then there are facilities for non-academic support services to consider. Whatever the purpose, all such spaces enhance the experience for student and staff alike.

We've designed a wide range recreational spaces, both dedicated and incidental, for all kinds of social activities that happen inside and outside of educational buildings. A key design consideration is the specification of appropriate furniture. Adaptability of use is another issue in the forefront of our minds – can the value of space be maximised by allowing it to serve more than one purpose? The answer is almost always yes.



Audience and Lecture

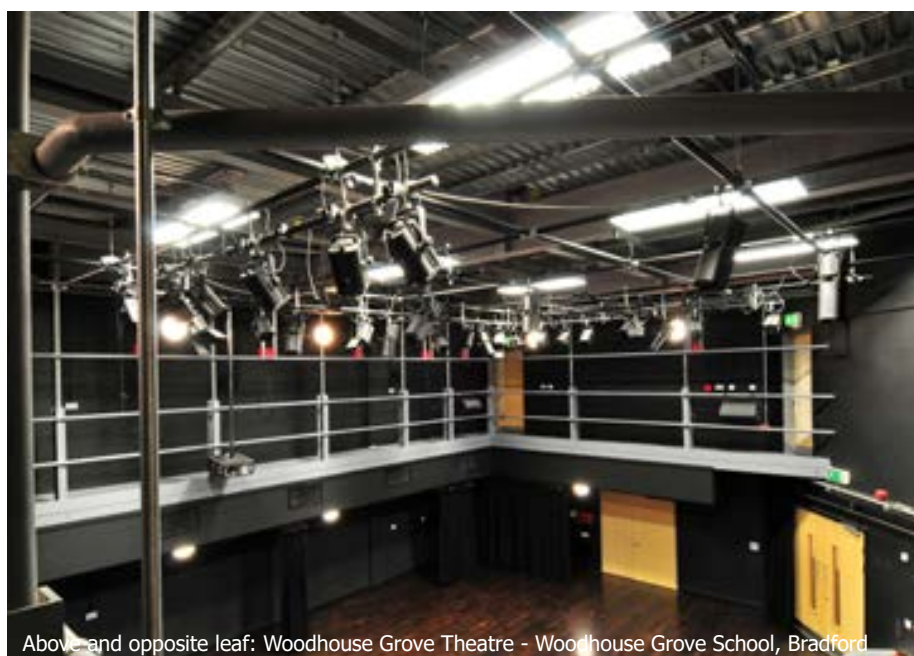
Buildings can seamlessly swap between the roles of performance space, sports hall, events venue and conference room.

We're experienced in creating purpose-led, engaging venues of all sizes, from dedicated performance and drama spaces to facilities for large spectator events.

with the relevant specialist suppliers is vital. We naturally work alongside theatre designers, seating designers, and experts in AV, IT and PA systems.

It's a sector that demands that we keep up to speed with the various technical aspects like acoustics and performance standards. We also have a deep knowledge of the complex integration of services and technologies, as well as a thorough understanding of the specific materials and finishes associated with the sector. At all times, close collaboration

Delivering a flexible space that can be easily adapted for multiple uses is often a prerequisite. We've created buildings that can seamlessly swap between the roles of performance space, sports hall, events venue and conference room.



Above and opposite leaf: Woodhouse Grove Theatre - Woodhouse Grove School, Bradford



"They have a clear understanding of the client's needs, respond to changing circumstances, understand the importance of budget management and work well as key people in our overall design team."

D C Humphreys, Headmaster, Woodhouse Grove School



York St John University - Landscape Masterplan, York

Strategic Masterplanning

From university estates to industrial distribution parks we evaluate proposals at a strategic level.

Our masterplanning experience varies widely in scale as well as geographical and social contexts. From strategic frameworks to large scale detailed planning applications, a clear, considered masterplan can transform places leading to their physical, social and economic revival.

Our masterplanning proposals are built on the principles of good urban design and the way places influence wellbeing, work and lifestyle. Technical understanding is key also when dealing with interconnected systems such as transport, energy, waste and information. When done right a successful masterplan can deliver measurable value to all parties.

“Our overall experience was one of ease, agreement, friendliness, support and professional quality in everything to which they attended. They provided us with excellent preparatory information that led the design team to look at the best solutions available.”

Steve Howard, Development & Partnership Manager, Southdale Ltd

Image: Paddington Village - Knowledge Quarter, Liverpool, Liverpool City Council





Project Management

"We continuously strive to challenge and improve the way our projects are delivered"

Watson Batty Architects are corporate members of the Association for Project Management with a number of our staff individual members of the Association for Project Management.

We continuously strive to challenge and improve the way our projects are delivered, not only in terms of quality of design, but also in the efficiencies of delivery, and Project Management is at the core of this.

Project management is the discipline of initiating, planning, executing, controlling, and closing the work of a team to achieve specific goals and meet specific success criteria. We accept that the only way to demonstrate performance to meet the success criteria is to measure it and compare it and project Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are the main driver of this.

Our Project Management service involves the cycle of Planning, Implementing, Control and Monitoring has been effectively used throughout the practice on previous Frameworks.

Principal Designers

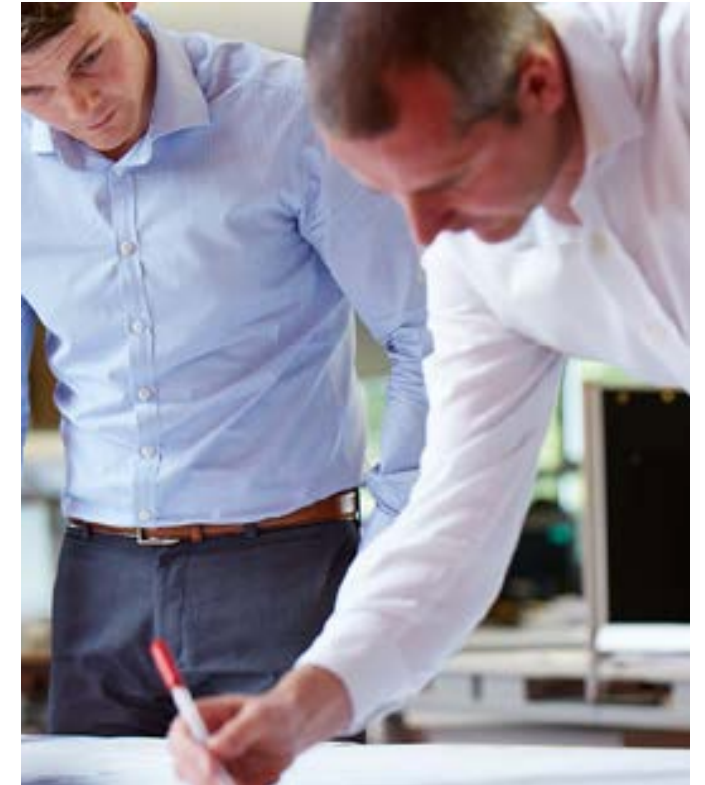
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Watson Batty Architects has developed the necessary capabilities and resources to fulfil the role and responsibilities when carrying out the duties of Principal Designer under CDM 2015. Our systems have been updated to reflect the changes in the regulations.

All our staff who will be involved on the projects will have the required training, experience and knowledge to undertake the role of Principal Designer.

We make health, safety and wellbeing a top priority as part of our core service to clients; throughout the design process, within the office environment and when visiting construction sites.

We have made significant financial and time investment in all our staff and committed to appointing a dedicated in house Health Safety and Wellbeing Advisor.



Interior Design

The discipline of architectural practice feeds into our interior design artistry, inspiring schemes that marry functionality with aesthetics and complement the built structure.

Augmenting our architectural practice, our interior design service spans preparation of initial concepts to installation and covers furniture, finishes, materials, lighting and graphics. Our experience is wide-ranging, from enhancing period features in Listed properties to devising robust, functional spaces for industrial new-builds. Each project is tailored to its unique requirements, and we work closely with clients to explore exciting but viable solutions.

In business environments, we can articulate a corporate identity to ensure brand consistency, as well as reinforcing brand values by triggering the right emotional responses. Where budget is an issue, we can create affordable solutions with a wow factor through research and innovative thinking. In places of work, public use and learning, collaboration with Facilities Maintenance departments is invaluable in understanding the needs of end users. Contemporary spaces demand constant monitoring of creative trends, especially when it comes to choosing environmentally friendly materials, the use of which we advocate wherever possible.



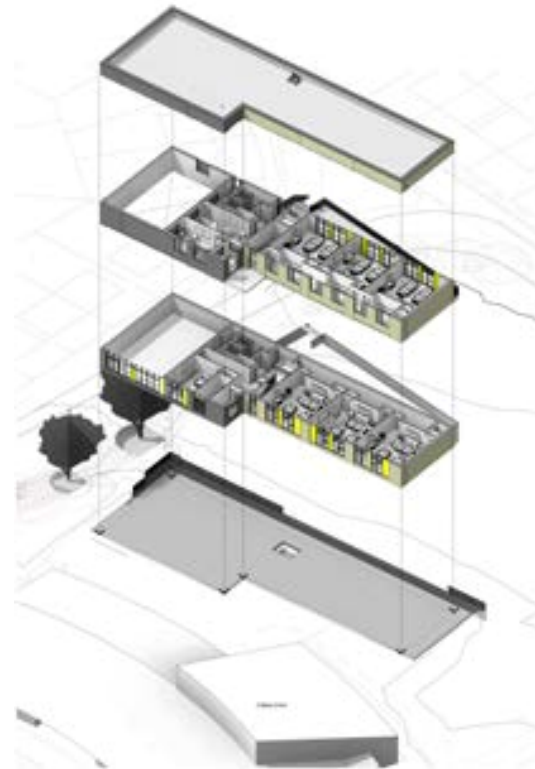
“The technical team has worked hard to ensure that all aspects of the design, from production information and construction detailing to furniture and interior design, worked together to create a considered and cost effective building.”

Richard Van Emmerik, Managing Director, Pellikaan Construction

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Shakespeare Primary School, Leeds



Hollybush Primary School, Leeds

Building Information Modelling

BIM increases the efficiency of the design process and reduces the cost and quality risks associated with the building process.

To provide the very best service possible for our clients, we are constantly exploring new ways of working and reviewing the latest developments in technology.

Having identified the advantages of BIM back in 2011, we've embraced this evolving technology wholeheartedly, with the aim of having all staff BIM-capable by 2019.

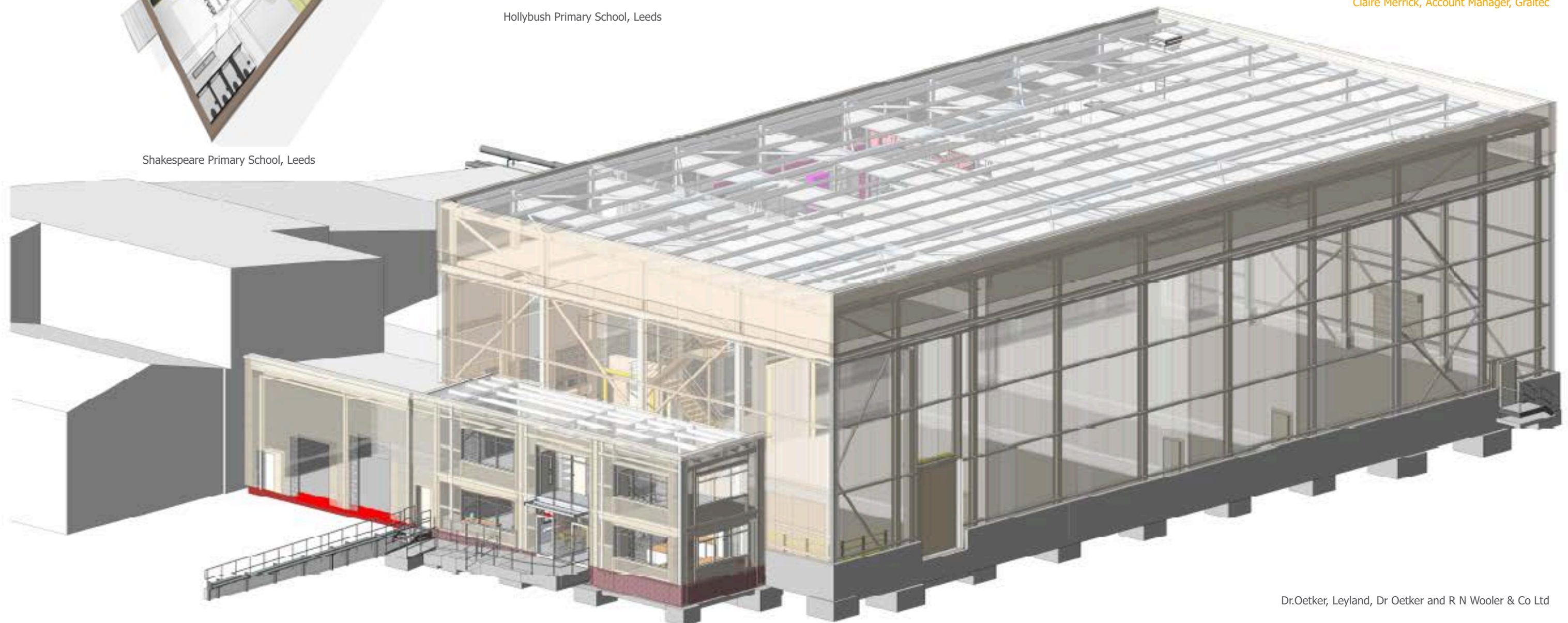
BIM enables us to generate elaborate virtual models that can be shared between all parties. The models contain digital

objects that carry comprehensive information about the design, construction and operation of assets.

To begin with, it improves communication, benefiting both the practice and those we work with collaboratively. It also brings with it the inherent advantages of increasing the efficiency of the design process and reducing the cost and quality risks associated with the building process. And, by allowing nimble visualisation and assessment of concepts and developments, it enhances creatively.

"Graitec has supported Watson Batty for many years. We've always been available to react to their growing software needs and continue to give advice on the latest software developments in the industry."

Claire Merrick, Account Manager, Graitec



Dr.Oetker, Leyland, Dr Oetker and R N Wooler & Co Ltd

"STEM at Bradford achieved a BREEAM rating of 'Outstanding', was certified AECB Silver Standard and adhered to Passivhaus standards. As the first to achieve all three accolades, it's possibly the UK's most sustainable educational building."

Image: Shires House, Guiseley, Watson Batty Architects Ltd



University of Bradford - STEM Building, Bradford

Sustainable Design

Our track record of improving the efficiency of buildings and spaces is significant and far-reaching.

Sustainability sits at the very heart of everything we do. The fact that our practice's operations and design processes are ISO 14001 certified proves it. We believe that sustainability is an integral part of good architecture, and we make the best use of the opportunities presented by each project. We appreciate the importance of social, environmental and economic issues on the way buildings are designed, developed and enjoyed, and we actively address these issues in a focused, committed and effective manner.

Sustainable innovation is a fundamental principle of the practice. From designing and building our sustainability-award-winning head office in Leeds to delivering the first BREEAM Outstanding

and Passivhaus-rated education building in the UK, our track record of improving the efficiency of buildings and spaces is significant and far-reaching. We believe that good sustainable design should be integral to the concept, not just 'bolted on'. There is simply no need for sustainability to compromise function or beauty.

But sustainable design is not just about saving the planet; it can also have more immediate measurable benefits for the client and user. The reduced need for artificial lighting, heating, cooling and mechanical ventilation not only create better, healthier environments, they also bring financial savings through lower running and maintenance costs.

Quality Assurance

“One of the first Architectural practices in the region to have a fully certified Quality system in the 1990’s.”

Quality is at the heart of everything we do as a practice and our system has been externally certified by BM TRADA for nearly 20 years. We are Quality Assured to BS EN ISO 9001:2008, obtaining our initial accreditation on 8th March 1994. Additionally we are accredited to OHSAS 18001:2007 (Health & Safety Management) and to ISO 14001:2004 (Environmental Management System).

The implementation of all projects and the delivery of Watson Batty’s Architectural and Principal Designer services are all in accordance with our current Integrated Management System (IMS) which incorporates the above accreditations.

Our IMS procedures ensure that there is an agreed framework in place for project delivery from inception to completion to facilitate the consistent delivery of projects across the practice, ensuring that all our projects are delivered in the same

professional manner, regardless of size, scale or complexity. Experience has confirmed that our IMS procedures are appropriate for all projects.

We were one of the first Architectural practices in the region to have a fully certified Quality system in the 1990’s and then a fully integrated management system early in the 2000’s, quickly realising the benefits that it brought to consistent project delivery and ultimately customer satisfaction.

Having passed our Cyber Essentials assessment in August 2017, Watson Batty Architects Ltd are now certified to be Cyber Secure. This certification reinforces the fact that we are a secure practice, not only for our staff, but clients and potential clients, preventing us from potential cyber attacks from outside the organisation.



Corporate Social Responsibility

“We strive to ensure our part in CSR is brought to the attention of our staff at all times.”

As a practice, we recognise the importance of approaching Corporate Social Responsibility in a coordinated and committed manner to make a positive impact to our clients, the community, our partners and the environment.

Through our culture, our work in the community and both our environmental and ethical policies, we strive to ensure our part in CSR is brought to the attention of our staff at all times. We encourage the utmost efforts both as individuals and as a company to operate in an ethical manner, both currently and as a future focus of the practice.

The nature of our work makes our impact on the environment at the forefront of how we operate, and we subscribe to the concept of environmentally aware design, supporting the activities of the entire development team in meeting this

objective. Through our design approach we are committed to reducing the impact of our own activities on the environment and raising the awareness of this to our staff, external clients, subcontractors and suppliers. Furthermore, it is in our best interest to achieve client satisfaction and retention through a commitment to policies of good practice and service, and adhere to Statutory and Regulatory requirements in doing so.

Being future focused, we value diversity in the workplace and believe in caring for our employees and work experience students, encouraging continual learning and development opportunities across the business. As a firm and as individual staff members, we understand the significant impact we can have on the community and are therefore dedicated to being a responsible contributing member of society both through financial and active support.

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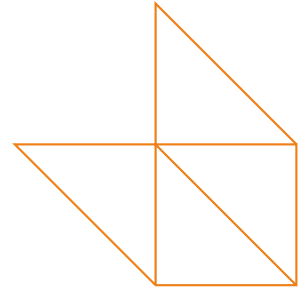
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