

NATSON BATTY ARCHITECTS



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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 4 Directors, 2 Regional Directors and 1 Associate Director. They are supported by 4 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 30 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.



“It’s been a pleasure working with WBA on Egham Leisure Centre. The project was real collaboration, the client was listened to and the contribution was always treated as valid. Any challenges faced were dealt with positively and with an enthusiasm to find innovative but practical solutions.

Tom Mukherjee-Neale, Project Manager, Places for People

Egham Orbit Leisure Centre, Surrey, Places For People

"People I know I can work with"



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Architect & Board Director



Lauren Copsey

Creative Marketing & Communications Manager



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Architectural Technologist



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Architect & Associate



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Architect & Interiors



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Architectural Technologist & Associate



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Senior Architectural Technologist



Jaki Whitaker

Business Support Assistant



Robert Sorren

Trainee Architectural Technologist

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 30 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.

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.

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.



Working on Projects Throughout the UK



Over 26,000 New School Places



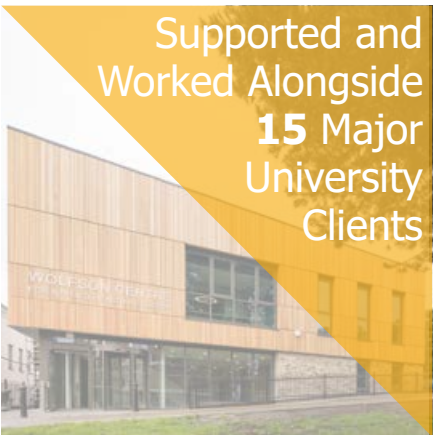
Delivered projects at 5 Airports in the UK



1.6m sq.ft New Food Retail for Morrisons



5000+ New Homes Across the UK



Supported and Worked Alongside 15 Major University Clients



Over 80 Leading Education Clients



6 New Wet and Dry Leisure Centres Delivered



3.8m sq.ft New and Refurbished Mail Centres for Royal Mail

Learning

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

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.

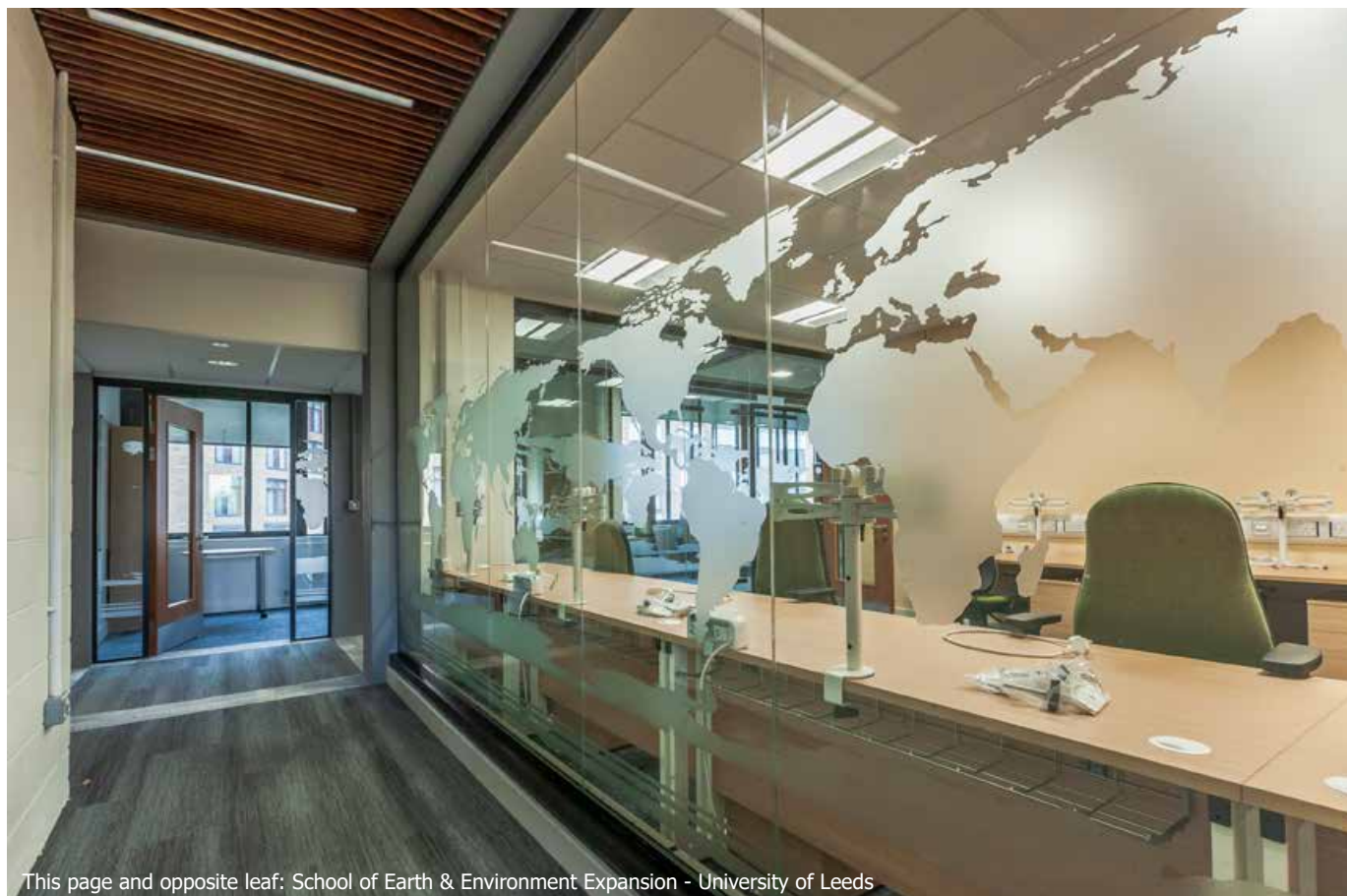
Our learning portfolio covers refurbishment and extension projects, major alteration and addition schemes, as well as new-build developments and campus masterplanning strategies. Consequently, we're well used to working in a live environment, collaborating with other consultants and delivering against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

Dixons McMillan Academy, Bradford, Dixons Academy Trust





This page and opposite leaf: School of Earth & Environment Expansion - University of Leeds

"It's been a pleasure working with both yourself and the wider management team, I honestly can't recall a project in my 38+ years in the industry that has been executed so well and in a such true spirit of collaboration."

Darren Green , Senior Project Manager, Henry Boot Construction Ltd on the SEE Expansion

School of Earth & Environment Expansion - University of Leeds

Following a successful bidding process, WBA were appointed by Henry Boot Construction Ltd as architects for the alteration and extension works at the School of Earth & Environment, University of Leeds.

Starting on site at the end of 2017, internal alterations at level 7, 10 and 11 of the Staff Centre made way for the expansion which established increased office and study space in the form of new postgraduate research and academic offices along with a PhD and admin support office. A new visitor space and meeting room encourages cross-campus and international collaborative working.

Originally forming part of the Chamberlin Powell & Bon 1960's University masterplan, the Staff Centre is included on the 'List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest' at Grade II and is a prime example of their architectural style and era. As a result, Watson Batty worked in partnership with Henry Boot Construction to meet the project goals whilst ensuring the preservation of the listed elements of the building was a key priority throughout.

Completed in July 2018, with an on-schedule 35 week build, new accommodation was created in the former under croft carpark at ground level whilst a new mezzanine installed on the third floor created an additional level for office space within the Grade II listed block.

“Enjoyed working with Watson Batty throughout the process from design to build and found them very amenable to all parties in the process.”

Sean Brind, Contracts Supervisor, Interserve on Hollybush Primary School

Hollybush Primary School

Hollybush Primary School underwent an expansion from a two form entry to a three form entry school to enable the school to cater for the areas increasing pupil population. In order to expand the school’s intake, a new two storey standalone annex building was constructed which gives the school 6 additional classrooms, a multi-purpose hall and group teaching facilities.

Positioned to the north-west of the existing primary school, the building has been located and designed to fit in a tight site between the existing building and a number of existing mature trees. The building allows direct access to the school grounds from the classrooms on each floor. This has been achieved due to the challenging topography resulting in a building which is partially subterranean.

To visually link with the existing school, the building is predominantly constructed from buff brick with a grey brick highlighting the entrance/hall block. Associated landscape works together with an extended car park providing an additional 77 spaces also formed part of the works.

BIM was utilised on the project which was particularly useful when coordinating information between the structural engineer and sub-contractors, such as the steel fabricators and the SFS suppliers. Using BIM as the primary source of co-ordination resulted in increased efficiency and effectively designed out clashes / eliminated the need for any other secondary steelwork, whilst ensuring that the finer technical architectural details were adhered to. Although not a requirement to meet BIM Level 2 on this scheme, the industry standard principles were used wherever possible implementing the naming conventions stipulated in BS1192 / PAS 1192-2 for drawings and models shared amongst the design team. Completed: September 2017.



Hollybush Primary School, Bramley



The Wolfson Centre for Applied Health Research

We were commissioned by Sewell Group to support work on the new Wolfson Centre for Applied Health Research at Bradford Royal Infirmary (BRI). The new centre brings together researchers from the University of Leeds, University of Bradford with clinicians from Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

By combining the expertise of health researchers with clinicians who have daily contact with patients, the centre will ensure that its findings are put rapidly into practice – resulting in better health and social care for those who need it most, right here in Yorkshire. The Wolfson Centre will host a centre for child health including the ground-breaking Born in Bradford and Born in Bradford's Better Start cohorts. It will also host the Centre for Ageing, one of the UK's most successful research groups in applied, health research for older people, and the National Institute for Health Research's National Patient Safety Centre.

Our design and technical team brought significant track record and experience in working with contractor clients in converting detailed design concepts into tender and construction information. We ensured compliance with statutory guidance and successfully translated vision into built reality.

WBA, in assisting the successful contractor Sewell Group, supported the completion of design development along with the production and coordination of construction information, all whilst retaining a presence on site for the duration of the build phase. The team appointed worked closely with Sewell to support project delivery in a virtual collaborative environment, enabling the practice to continue their strong understanding of delivering projects at BIM Level 2, whilst working alongside a new contractor client. Although there is no requirement for a BREEAM assessment, insulation and air tightness requirements are aligned with PassivHaus standards.





Temple Learning Academy

Temple Learning Academy is a new free school located on the site of the former East Leeds Leisure Centre. Stage 1 of the development provided temporary accommodation within the existing building to allow the school to open in September 2015.

The new Academy at full capacity caters for 1020 pupils aged 4 -16 years operating under a 4 year group phase through school model. To meet the demands of the client brief the proposals encompass a part refurbishment and part demolition of the existing leisure centre together with a major new build teaching block and associated landscape works.

The design solution retains the majority of the existing sports centre; the swimming pool is removed to make way for a new 3 storey general teaching block. The ground floor accommodates Phase 1 and 2 pupils from Reception through to Year 4, with direct access to external learning and play space. The remaining floors provide general learning, science and IT spaces.

The Academy has become a central focus within the community, consequently the main communal spaces; dining, assembly, sports and learning resources are at the heart of the development.

We were appointed by ISG to support the bid and development of the new free school academy. The project was procured through the regional EFA Contractor's Framework.



"The experience of working with Watson Batty has been excellent. I think all members of the ISG team find working with them a good experience and their forward thinking proactive attitude has been appreciated!"

Andy McHale, Senior Design Manager, ISG Plc on Temple Learning Academy

Below and opposite leaf: Temple Learning Academy, Leeds, ISG





Dixons McMillan Academy, Bradford, Dixons Academy Trust

“The company provided superb support with an amazing response time from day one, demonstrating an uncanny ability to get things right first time and immediately embracing the College’s ethos and values.”

Wes Johnson, Acting Principal, Craven College

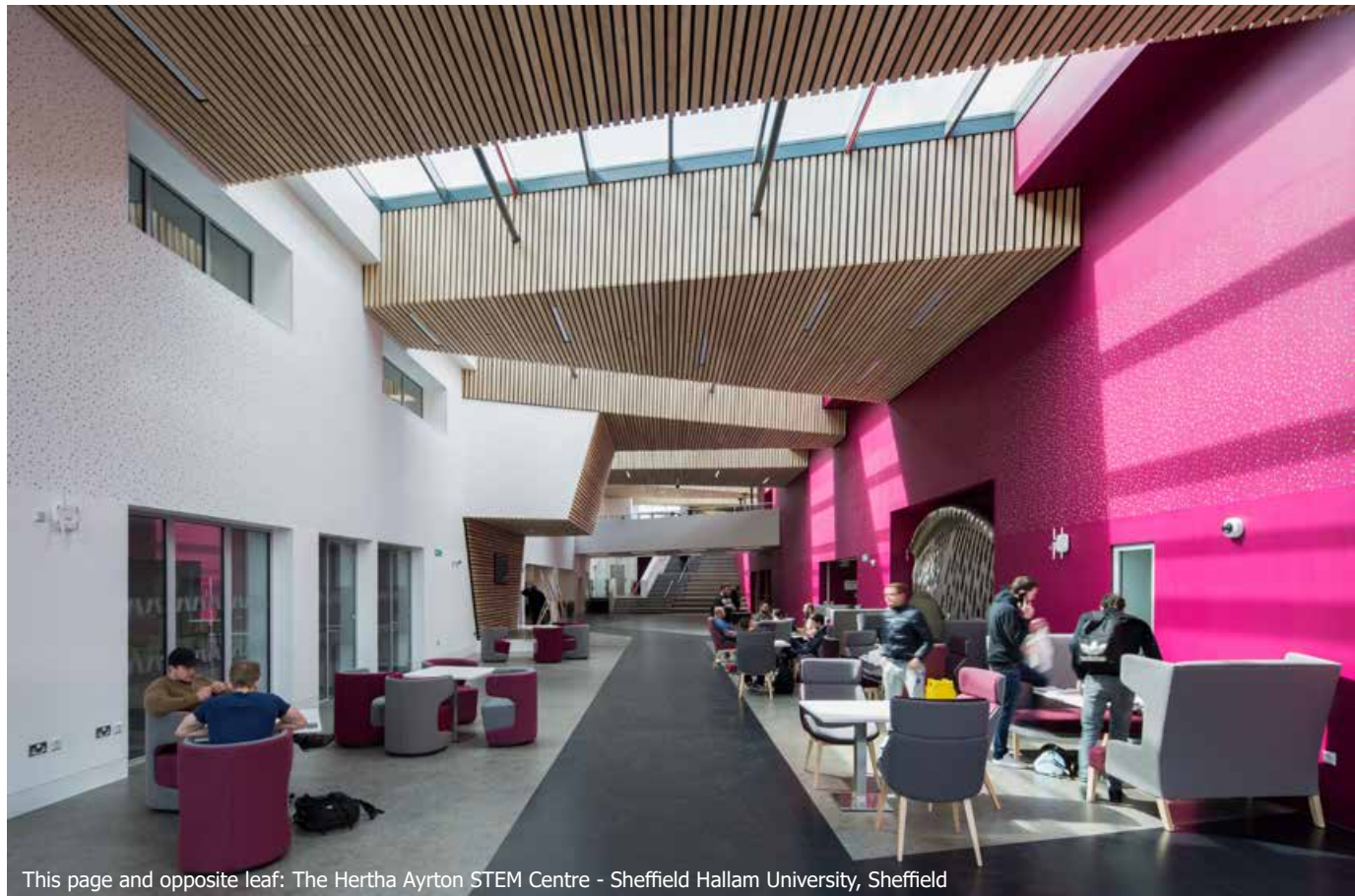
Dixons McMillan Academy

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.

Design 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 client’s 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.



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. A very good performance from WBA on what has been a technically challenging project, 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.

“It has been a pleasure working with WBA over the last two years in the design and construction of Egham Orbit. The key factors that have been highly valued in this project have been the fantastic flair in design, both internally and externally, and an excellent level for the attention to detail, which is coupled with a great understanding of how leisure centres operate. These factors have developed the project into a very high level of quality.”

Hazel Atkins, Chief Executive, Achieve Lifestyle (Egham Orbit Leisure Centre)

Image: Egham Orbit Leisure Centre, Surrey, Places For People

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.





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

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 on Washington Leisure Centre



“Working with WBA is a pleasure. They listen and consider all factors to develop a design that hits the brief on multiple dimensions. [Egham] received unilateral praise for the way the building combined internal and external practicality with consideration”

Chris True, Head of Business Development, Parkwood Leisure on Egham Orbit Leisure Centre

Egham Orbit Leisure Centre

Egham Orbit Leisure Centre launches the first-phase of The Runnymede Regeneration Programme (RRP), a programme that will see several sites re-developed across the Borough. The new build leisure centre offers Egham a unique, improved and distinctive sporting, leisure, health and wellbeing destination; a place which will significantly enhance the existing facilities to benefit the wider community. Now completed, the centre provides a wide range of sport and leisure facilities, creating a compact and effective complex reflecting a modern approach to leisure centre delivery.

The composition of the building and landscape strategies sympathetically respond to the existing site context and topography, maintaining the existing links with the surrounding residential areas. The design aims to increase participation in a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities by providing a safe, welcoming and comfortable environment as well as providing a facility which is secure and energy efficient.

The new facilities that replace the existing leisure centre will provide a 25m 8 lane swimming pool and a 10m x 10m learner pool, both with movable floors; wet splash area; soft play area and various dedicated changing room facilities including wet, dry, communal and change for outdoor sports. Additional facilities include a health suite with spa and 8 treatment rooms; crèche with outdoor terrace and play area; 4 court sports hall and a fitness suite with 2 consultation rooms. Flexible spaces have been made available with one dedicated to indoor cycling or training and a further 2 multi-use studios featuring sliding/folding doors. Staff offices with breakout areas and a cafe with outdoor terrace are included, with outdoor spaces being landscaped to complement the completed leisure centre design.

Due to the site's location in a designated area of the Green Belt, close attention was paid to the façade and landscape design, ensuring the development complemented its setting. The centre achieved a Very Good BREEAM Rating.



Above: Egham Orbit Leisure Centre, Surrey, Places For People

"I have just come out of a very exciting but challenging meeting and people were blown away with what I was able to bring to the table and discuss; partnership working at its very best!"

Colin Parkin, Director of Estate Management & Development, York St John University



Haxby Road Sports Campus, York St John University

Following the purchase of the former Nestle Rowntree playing fields on Haxby Road, Watson Batty were initially appointed to masterplan the 80 acre site to provide the University with a high quality sports campus.

Following the initial Masterplan, the practice undertook commissions to design a full size 3G artificial pitch, full size sand dressed pitch, 5no outdoor tennis courts (including 2no netball courts) and a new car/coach park (Phase 2 -

£2m). The third phase (£3.5m) provides all the necessary changing and teaching facilities to support all of the outdoor facilities alongside a new indoor five court sized sports hall.

The new floodlit 3G pitch was certified by the FA/RFL and RFU and will enable extended community use by York City Knights Rugby League Club and York City Football Club. The Phase 3 hub and sports hall building was completed in January 2017.



Above and opposite leaf: Haxby Road Sports Campus, York, York St John 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

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Above and below: Springfield's Outlet, Spalding

"We've worked with Watson Batty Architects for over 20 years from when Springfield's Outlet Shopping and Leisure Centre was an outline idea through to what will now be the third major phase of this significant development in Spalding. They have always proactively delivered creative solutions to the project, understanding the fast paced nature of change within the retail sector. We look forward to working with them on this next phase"

Ian Sanderson, Managing Director, SLR Outlets



Springfield's Outlet, Spalding

Watson Batty Architects were successfully chosen by Sanderson Leisure & Retail (SLR) to be amongst a team of development specialists to support the proposed new retail/leisure space at Springfield's. The multimillion-pound investment by SLR received approval in April 2019 following several consultation events in March.

Increasing competition in the retail sector, from both current and potential retail centres, means there is a need for continuous improvement to Springfield's retail offer, with a requirement for a greater and wider range of retailers. The new space made available via the works would enable Springfield's Outlet to attract up to 15 new retail brands along with four ancillary restaurants and cafés.

Arguably the East of England's premier retail and leisure destination, Springfield's Outlet has come a long way since opening in 2004, delivering 14 years of consecutive turnover growth. A major tourist attraction for Spalding, it is envisaged that the extension would bring about a further half-a-million annual visitors and a provisory of around 350 new jobs. Adding to the current annual 2.3 million visitors, existing 650-plus jobs and improvements to links between Springfield's and Spalding town centre, the new centre will undoubtedly better the economic offering from the area.

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.



"Always professional, accessible and quick to respond, the Watson Batty teams' collaborative approach has added real value to projects, especially in supporting stake holder engagement and making the design process easy to understand."

Paul Goulard, Marketing Director, Clugston Construction Ltd



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

“Watson Battys forward-thinking, practical approach towards design and detail has been a great asset to the project, successfully delivering our end goal. They have always made themselves available and are keen to offer assistance wherever they can to ensure a smooth progression and outcome. It’s been a pleasure working with them!”

Phil Ellis, Divisional Director, Bowmer + Kirkland

Amble Retail Development

In a joint development between Advance Northumberland and Morrisons supermarket, the scheme will comprise of a 25,000 sq ft Morrisons food store, alongside another 25,000ft of other national retailers, a petrol filling station and a Drive Thru facility.

Located on the famous Northumberland ‘Coastal Route’, the development will transform the southern gateway into Amble and provide a destination of choice. It will bring jobs to the local area and ensure Amble has the shopping experience it deserves.

With over £10m of funds already invested in the town, Amble represents a high priority for Advance Northumberland. Alongside their recently completed development of The Amble Inn and ownership of Amble Links Caravan Park, this development will further promote tourism and leisure for the regeneration company.

As well as the 25,000 sqft supermarket, the additional c.25,000 sqft will be comprised of non-food retail, split across units ranging from 1,000 to 10,000 sqft. The development will also include improved vehicle access into the site, and improved connectivity to the surrounding housing for both pedestrian and cyclists and car parking.

Chair of Arch Cllr Richard Wearmouth said: “Working together with Morrison’s has been extremely rewarding, our joint plans will contribute a great deal to the regeneration of the Enterprise Park. This includes attracting private investment into Northumberland, creating new opportunities and jobs for local people while boosting the economy of Amble and surrounding towns”. Due for completion: Spring 2020.



Above: Amble Retail Development, Advance Northumberland

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 client's 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

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.



Image: Chain Street, Bradford, Barnfield Construction/ Incommunities



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, in-curtilage 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 has been prepared by landscape architects re-form.

“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



Above: Chain Street, Bradford, Barnfield Construction/Incommunities

“Watson Batty have brought their experience and expertise to a complex planning situation to ensure a successful planning outcome. On site, their 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



Winchester Avenue Extra Care, Grimsby

Watson Batty Architects (WBA) were appointed to support ESH Construction deliver a new build, 60-unit extra care facility in Grimsby. WBA assisted ESH Construction with their D&B tender to Morgan Ashley for this state-of-the-art new build scheme, providing technical advice on deliverability and detailing issues.

The development is located on Winchester Avenue on the Nunsthorpe Estate and has been made possible due to a £10.2 million investment from Places for People Living+ and Homes England. With planning approval already in place, our role will be to carry out the detailed design and working drawings packages to aid ESH during the construction phase.

This new, highly anticipated scheme is being delivered by Morgan Ashley (a Joint Venture between Ashley House and Morgan Sindall Investments) and will initially provide 60 extra care apartments in Grimsby. The project is part of a wider partnership to deliver 300 extra care apartments supporting elderly people to live safely and independently with care on hand if required. The anticipated start on site is March 2019 with proposed completion in 2020.



Above and below: Winchester Avenue Extra Care, Grimsby

"The Watson Batty team have 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



This page and opposite leaf: Green Lane, Glusburn, Skipton Properties Ltd

Green Lane, Glusburn

Watson Batty Architects acted as Lead Designer on this high-quality new build housing scheme consisting of a range of beautiful 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroomed homes, right in the heart of the Glusburn Village. Containing 37no properties, the new homes have been built from random coursed natural stone with traditional features such as oak-framed entrance canopies, stone corbels and eaves dentils, with mullioned windows and door surrounds. Internally all properties have log-burning stoves and traditional chimneys.

Due to the sensitive nature of the site, proactive and diligent work was required by the design team in order to achieve the full planning approval. This was aided via the use of naturally sourced materials which respects the existing character of the nearby surrounding agricultural and residential properties. The hillside setting of this site coupled with the steep topography created opportunities to have a tiered development where the proposed houses 'cascaded' down the slopes, enabling stunning views across the valley from most of the properties.

Down at the lower end of the site we have worked with the massing of the new houses to be sympathetic to the existing cottages beyond the site boundary. We have utilised split-level houses where the fronts are single-storey and the rears two-storey. This arrangement also allows the rear gardens to be set at a lower level - improving further the privacy between the external areas. We have offered a sustainable housing and tenure mix within this scheme, not only providing a visual up-lift but satisfying the local housing need.



“We have been very impressed with their commitment, dedication, flexibility and a responsiveness, qualities which helped lead to such a positive outcome. We find them to be good problem-solvers and they always strive to arrive at a workable outcome whilst maintaining a positive and friendly working relationship.”

Martin Thomas, Construction Manager, Wates Living Space

Kirklees Excellent Homes for Life PFI

Kirklees Excellent Homes for Life PFI comprises ‘general needs’ and wheelchair accessible new build flats across 29 different sites within the Kirklees area.

These 400 homes have been designed to meet the long-term needs of residents. And by achieving good space standards, we are enabling flexible use by the building’s future occupants.

The focusing factors of this project were efficiency in capital expenditure, lifecycle costings and long-term ease of maintenance. It was established at an early stage that standardisation of product, specification and layout would contribute significantly to these efficiencies. We were instrumental in developing a portfolio of standard flat types that would satisfy the need for such standardisation.

Some sites of the PFI are categorised as ‘extra care’ facilities, and these have been designed by others. As part of the joined-up working protocol, we’ve adopted many of the same design principles, specification and details.

This is a project with an unusually large number of stakeholders. Nevertheless, clear and fluid communication has been maintained by careful coordination and strict adherence to robust procedures.

The separate planning applications for each site ran concurrently, and we obtained approval for 100% of the units submitted. An equally noteworthy fact is that this is the largest scheme to achieve Code for Sustainable Homes (CSH) Level 4.



Image: Kirklees Excellent Homes for Life PFI



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 specialist sub-contractors, structural, mechanical and electrical engineers enabling the Contractor to benefit from construction efficiencies through a more coordinated information flow.

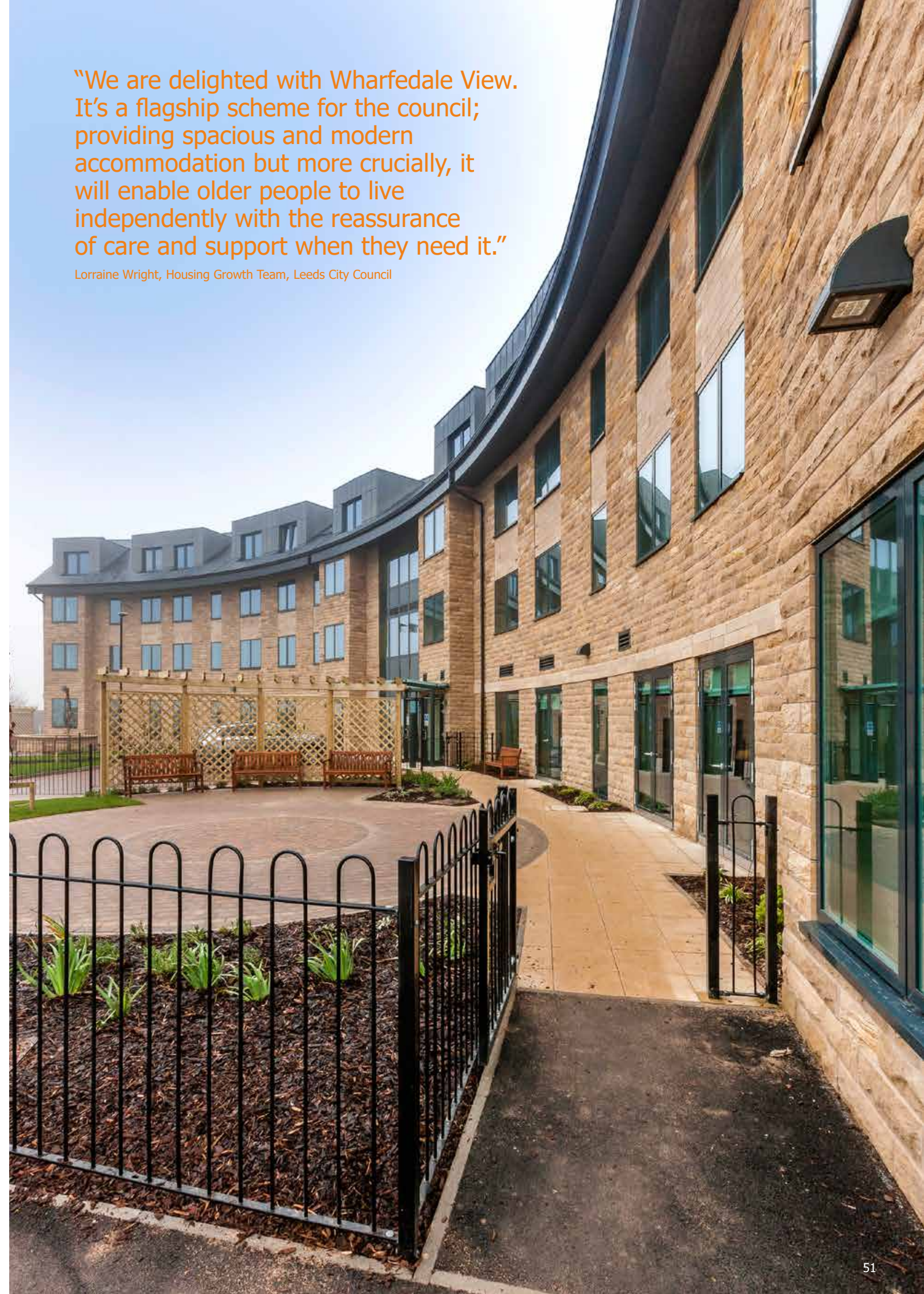
The scheme was developed in accordance with the Leeds Model of Extra Care Housing. With a high specification of rooms and flexibility of multi-use communal areas, the scheme is well positioned to adapt to the changing needs and demands of future generations. Completed: December 2016.



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



"We have worked with WBA for 4 years. During this period we have found them to be innovative, flexible and value for money. We have a comprehensive pipeline of opportunities and they remain a key partner in the delivery of Architectural services as our company grows."

Martin Gerrelli, CEO, Starfish Group



Bridgehouse Mills Redevelopment, Haworth


The mixed use development at Bridgehouse Mills, Haworth involves the conversion and extension of an existing listed mill into 44 high quality 'Retirement/Independent Living' apartments, while also creating 77 new build family houses in a fantastic valley setting.

The scheme for Skipton Properties, which achieved Planning Approval in February 2017, embraces the existing employment uses on the site with new premises being proposed for Wydean Weaving and additional accommodation for Airedale Springs.

The proposal sits well within its context adjacent to Haworth village, Bridgehouse Beck and the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, it also guarantees a new long term future for the existing mill. Due for completion Spring 2020.



Image: Bridgehouse Mills Redevelopment, Haworth, Skipton Properties



“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

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.

Image: Royal Mail North West Hub, Royal Mail Group

Nine Elms Delivery Office, London

Watson Batty Architects worked on behalf of the successful contractor VolkerFitzpatrick to deliver a new build delivery office in the centre of London for The Royal Mail Group.

Replacing the existing facilities which are just under a mile away in Vauxhall, Nine Elms Delivery Office will provide new space for over 100 postal routes and associated letter sorting machines. The facility sorts mail according to the route locations for the final phase of the delivery process.

The scheme which includes a new 5,100 sq.m Delivery Office, Vehicle Service Centre and multi deck car park was completed in June 2017.

Constructed to BREEAM Excellent standard the project delivers the highest standards of sustainable design integrating features such as LED lighting and Photovoltaic panels. The design uses different materials from grey brick, high pressure laminate and Trespa cladding to break up the mass of the building.



This page and opposite leaf: Nine Elms DO, London, Royal Mail Group



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.



"We found them to be highly competent, commercially focussed 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, we look forward to working with them again in the future."

Shirley E Stott, Client Relationship Executive, RG Carter

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

“Watson Batty provided an excellent service on a very challenging project. 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



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



Northwest Parcellforce Hub, Chorley

Parcellforce 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.



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.

"The building is superb and everyone is happy working there, there is such a relaxed atmosphere around the place now. The building has the WOW factor with all our visitors so a job well done. A thoroughly enjoyable project to work on - a BIG thank you!"

Sarah Percival, Office Manager, JBA Consulting on No.1 Broughton Park
Image: No 1 Broughton Park - JBA Consulting Internal Office Fit Out



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No 1 Broughton Park - JBA Consulting Internal Office Fit Out

Watson Batty Architects were appointed early 2018 as the Interior Design Consultants for the internal fit out of a new rural building on the Broughton Hall Estate. Creating 20,000 sq.ft of office space, the newbuild, horseshoe shaped, two storey building with timber shingles and zinc roof is set in the grounds of a farm on the estate. In a move to consolidate their head office within Skipton, JBA Consulting, currently located on the Broughton Hall Estate Business park, will relocate to the building alongside JBA Risk Management.

With the current trends in workplace for agile working, hot desking and a strive for a healthy workplace, the design was approached in a manner that would work best for each side of the company. Due to the nature of the work, Consulting follow a more traditional way of working in terms of desking stations whilst Risk are in favour of a hot desking system.

Centrally in the building next to the main entrance there is a hub of agile working with a mixture of furniture types, allowing staff to work in the most productive manner for them. This agile hub is located next to a breakout zone and meeting rooms to facilitate collaboration and mixing between the two elements of the company.

The rural location of the building set out a stall for the interior design approach with the client requiring a sleek modern office for their clients to visit alongside retaining the feel of the location in the countryside. Muted tones with occasional bold colours integrated on furniture and bespoke joinery screens against statement flooring, such as Bolon Shapes, create a contrast to the lacquered ply finish on all walls. The project was completed Late March 2019.





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 the 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.



This page and opposite leaf: International Surgical Skills Centre, York, Smith & Nephew



“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.





“Watson Batty have been very proactive in dealing with a challenging time frame and evolving brief. They have approached the project with professionalism and helped guide the airport through the design process at every stage.”

Charles Johnson, Head of Planning Development,
Leeds Bradford Airport



Above and below: Leeds Bradford Airport

Leeds Bradford Airport

In 2018, Watson Batty Architects were appointed to design the new arrivals extension, departure pier and internal remodelling of this major European airport, Yorkshire's Airport, marking our biggest project to date with the airport.

Over the last seven years, WBA has worked with LBA assisting with detailed collaboration and consultation, to support a series of enabling projects, both airside and landside, to facilitate the future-focused expansion and refurbishment plans of the airport.

Past projects involved work to improve the circulation and flow of passengers around the terminal. The team designed the new departure lounge extension in 2017 which provided an additional storey and mezzanine floor to Gate Five. It designed a 150-metre-long, 3-lane covered, external walkway from the terminal together with a major departure gate refurbishment. Watson Batty also re-planned the passenger scanning area, providing new feature lifts to help increase the efficiency of people movement and wheelchair access.

In 2020, Watson Batty Architects will continue with various works at the airport. Completion: Ongoing.



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.



"Very friendly and professional staff who are pleased to go the extra mile to get results."

Graham Walker, Projects Officer, Metro

“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.



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 of 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.



"Their Technical Team have worked hard to ensure that all aspects of the design solution, from the construction detailing and production information to the ICT, furniture and interior design, 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



"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

Above: Tempe Hall - York St John University, York

Audience and Lecture

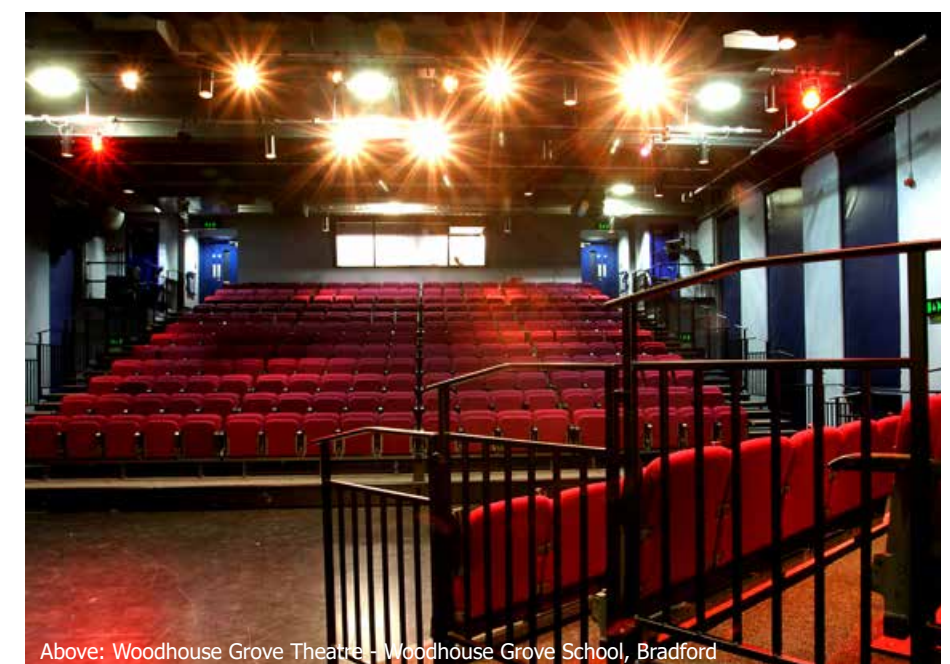
Buildings can seamlessly swap between the roles of performance space, sports hall, events venue and conference room.

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: Woodhouse Grove Theatre - Woodhouse Grove School, Bradford

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.

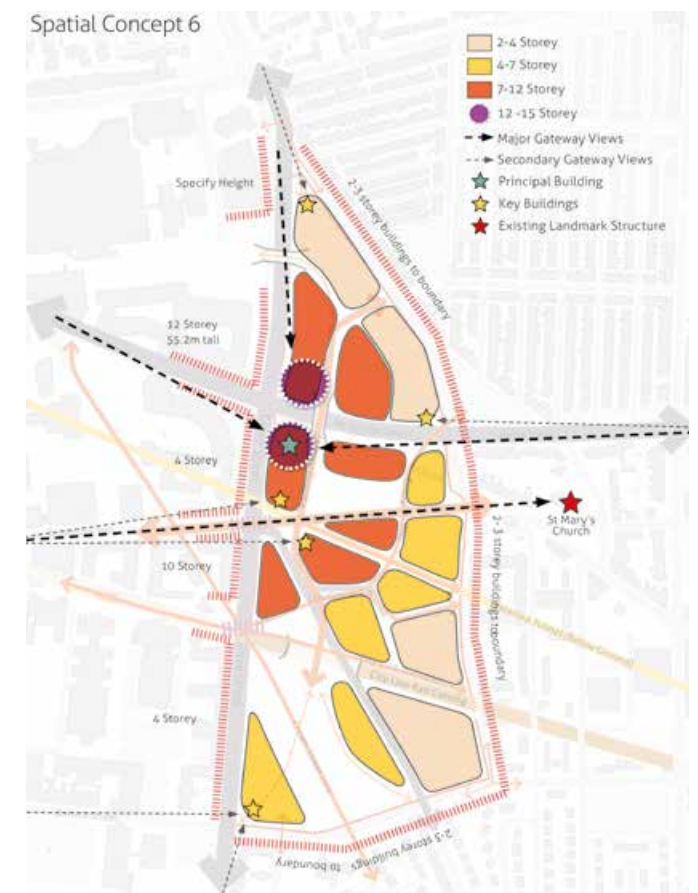
Our proposals are built on the principles of good urban design and the way places influence wellbeing, work and lifestyle. Technical understanding is key when dealing with interconnected systems such as transport, energy, waste and information. When done right a successful masterplan can deliver measurable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

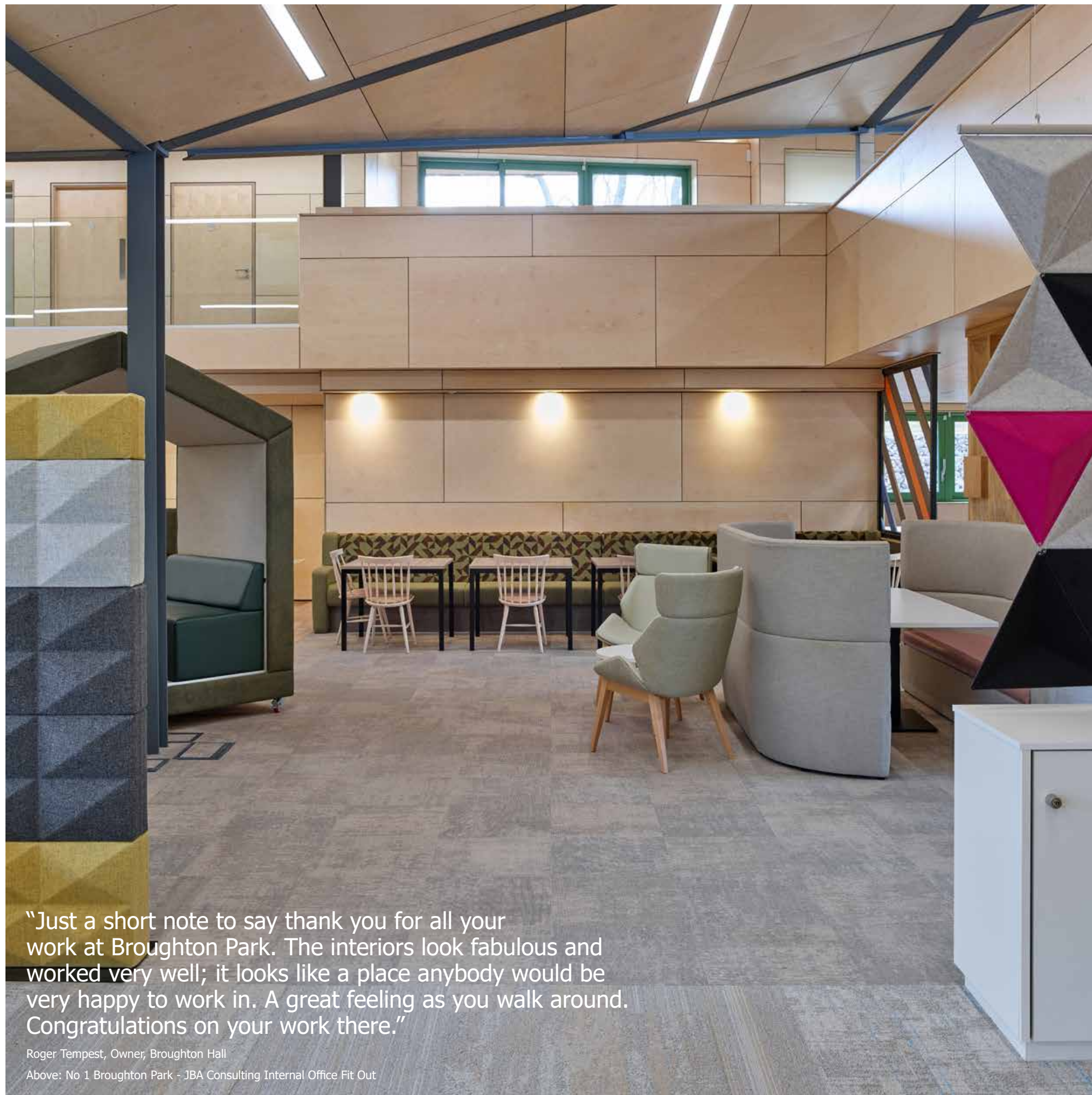
"Professionalism and integrity are the two dominant qualities we would associate with them. They bring different qualities to the design process and what they achieved in terms of empathetic design for us was excellent."

Steve Howard, Development & Partnership Manager, Southdale Ltd



This page and opposite leaf: Paddington Village, Liverpool Vision Masterplan





"Just a short note to say thank you for all your work at Broughton Park. The interiors look fabulous and worked very well; it looks like a place anybody would be very happy to work in. A great feeling as you walk around. Congratulations on your work there."

Roger Tempest, Owner, Broughton Hall

Above: No 1 Broughton Park - JBA Consulting Internal Office Fit Out

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.



Above: Office Refurbishment

Project Management

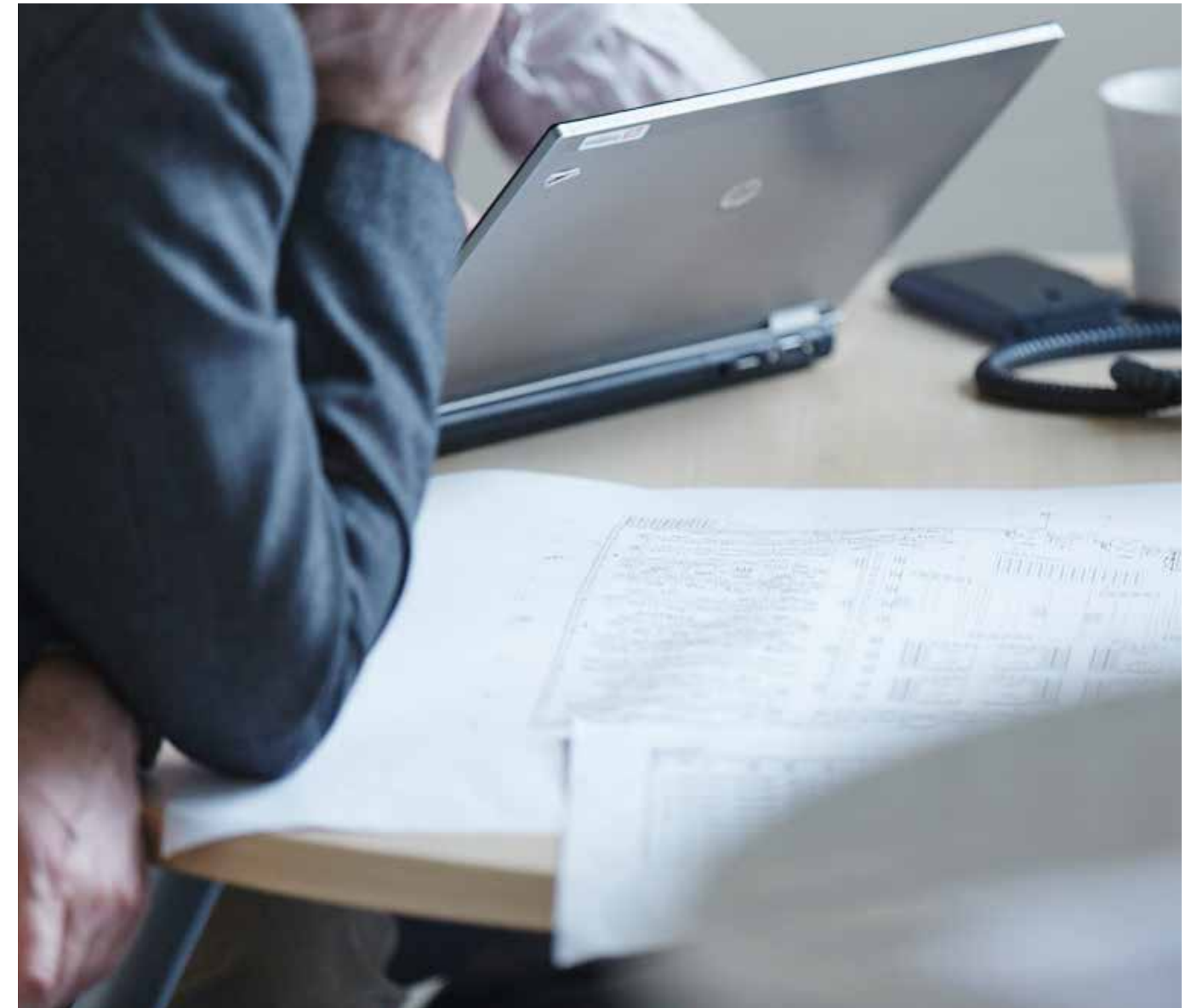
"We continuously strive to challenge and improve the way our projects are delivered"

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. This process has been effectively used throughout the practice on previous Frameworks.



Principal Designers

"We make health, safety and wellbeing a top priority as part of our core service to clients"

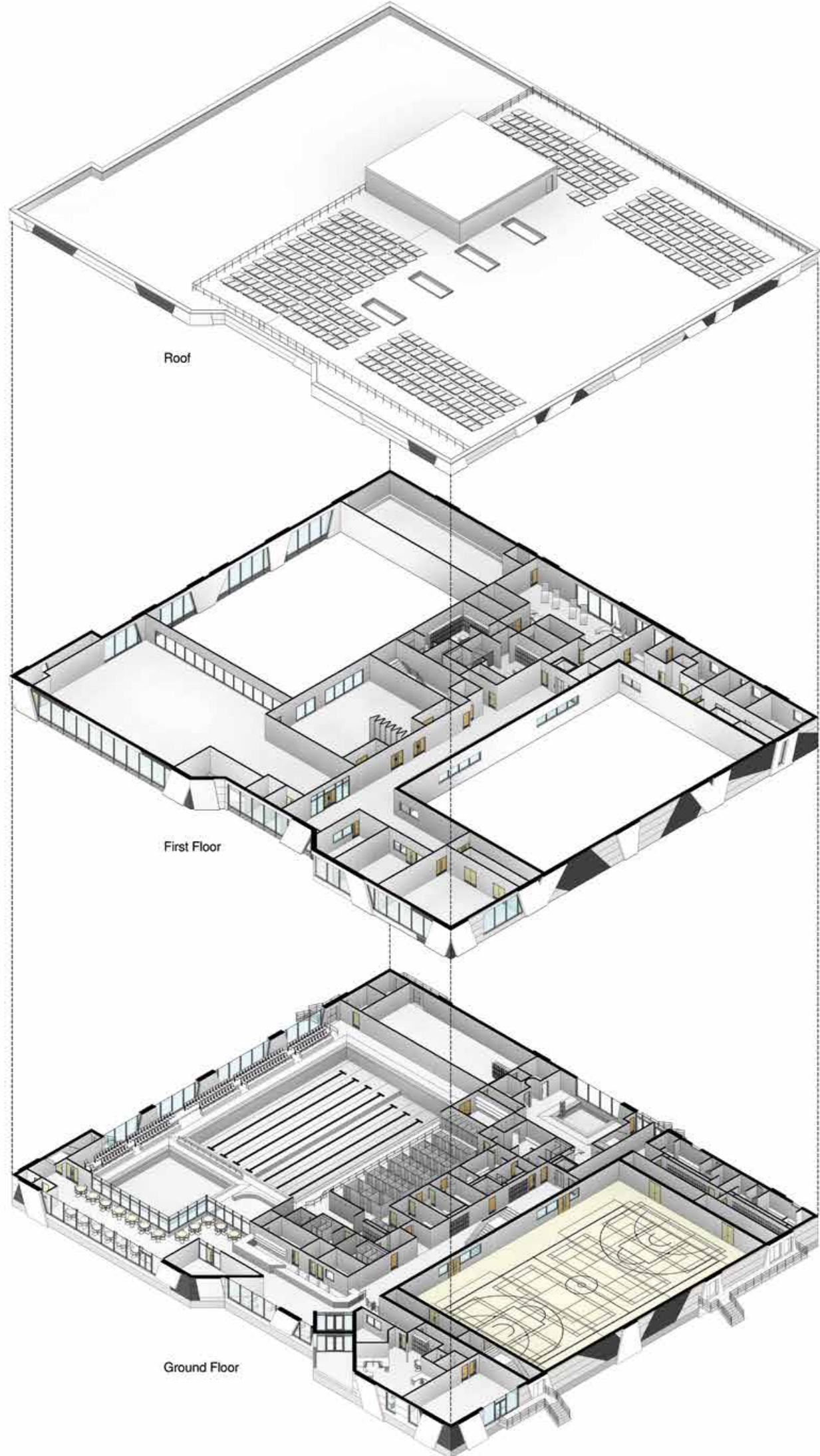
Watson Batty Architects has developed the necessary capabilities and resources to fulfil the role and responsibilities when carrying out the duties of Principal Designer under CDM 2015. Our systems have been updated to reflect the changes in the regulations.

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.





BIM

Building Information Modelling 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. In 2018, we successfully became Task Team certified by Stroma allowing us to provide our clients with the assurance that we are aligned to working to a PAS 1192-2 standard.

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 visualisation and assessment of concepts and developments, it enhances creativity.



Image: 3D Section - Caddick House Type



Image: Leeds Extra Care Bid - Places for People

"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



Image above and facing: Egham Orbit Leisure Centre



Image: Shires House, Guiseley, Watson Batty Architects 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."



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 1990s.”

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 9001:2015, obtaining our initial accreditation on 8th March 1994. Additionally we are accredited to OHSAS 18001:2007 (Health & Safety Management) and to ISO 14001:2015 (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 1990s and then a fully integrated management system early in the 2000s, quickly realising the benefits that it brought to consistent project delivery and ultimately customer satisfaction.

Watson Batty Architects Ltd are certified to be Cyber Secure by the ECSC and hold the Cyber Essentials Certificate. 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

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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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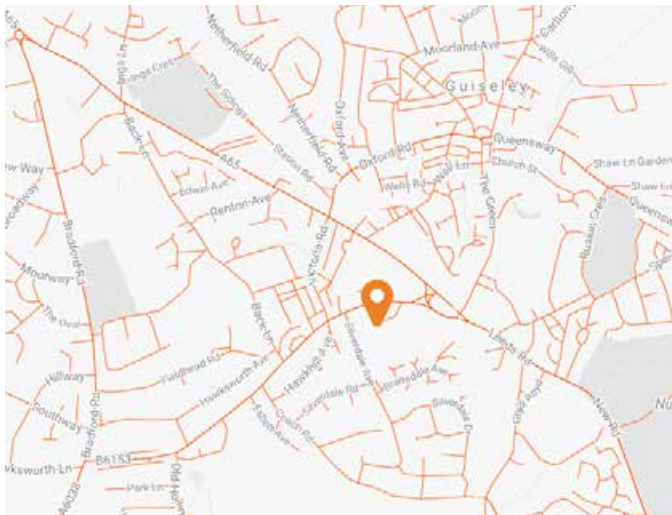
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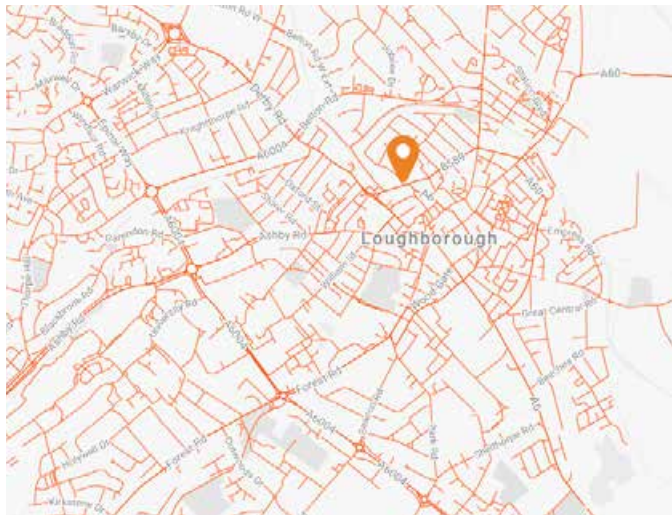
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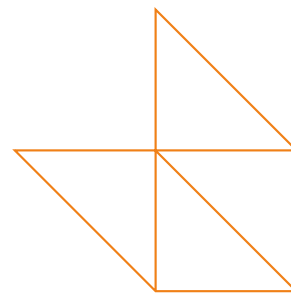
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