

Case Study 7

Gloucester Academy

CLIENT

Kier Construction Limited for Gloucester Academy Trust.

TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT

Replacement Secondary School with New Sports Hall.

DESCRIPTION

Working with Nicholas Hare Architects, WSP Group, Pegasus Landscape Architects and Mace Ltd on behalf of Kier Construction and Gloucester Academy Trust, SF Planning secured planning permission for a new Academy and, Sport and Welfare Buildings at their existing site on Cotteswold Road and Painswick Road in Gloucester.

SF Planning were initially approached by Kier to assist them in securing the contract for the construction of the Academy, part of the Partnership for Schools (PFS) Contractors Framework. On being announced as the preferred bidder timing became crucial; with the planning application having to be submitted within 3 weeks to give the Planning Authority sufficient time to consider the proposals and (hopefully) achieve planning permission to start on site in July 2012. This was to enable completion of the new Academy for use at the start of the academic year in September 2013.

Once the new buildings are occupied, the outdated existing buildings will be demolished to make way for improved sports pitches. The sports building will be open to the public to provide a much needed community facility and encourage sport and recreation in the local area. The overall vision of the £18 million project is to create an inclusive, caring and inspiring learning environment, to help all learners reach highest standards of achievement.

