

AA Projects Achieves BREEAM First for North West College

Blackpool and the Fylde College has been awarded a BREEAM 'Excellent' rating for its new Central Hub building, a £10m development jointly funded by HEFCE, NWDA and the College. This is the first educational scheme in the North West to be accredited BREEAM Excellent for both Design/Procurement and Post Construction stages.

AA Projects undertook the roles of Project Manager and Employer's Agent and successfully handed over the development to the College in July 2009, on time and within budget. Niall Wright, Director of AA Projects said, "We are very proud that the College has achieved an 'excellent' BREEAM rating. This is a first in the North West and is a result of very careful planning, design and management. Sustainability features high on AA Projects agenda and we strive to influence the design of all buildings we are involved in, to achieve the highest environmental quality. We are a Carbon Neutral Company and employ a team of Chartered Environmentalists."

The construction of the Central Hub Building at the University Centre, together with extensive external works and the remodelling of existing buildings, transformed a group of individual buildings into an integrated Campus. The 2000m² included the creation of an art gallery, a theatre extension, reception area, refectory, kitchen, learning resource centre, library and social learning area together with office and administration areas. Expectations of the College and other funders were exceeded, especially the effect the development has had on the creation of a united Campus and vastly improved environment.

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Photos:

The new Central Hub at Blackpool and the Fylde College, awarded BREEAM 'Excellent'.

Notes to editor:

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