

STOCKPORT COLLEGE CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT



LOCATION: STOCKPORT, MANCHESTER
CLIENT: STOCKPORT COLLEGE
SIZE: 37,500M²
COMPLETION: 2010
VALUE: £85M
SERVICE: ARCHITECTURE, CONSERVATION, MASTERPLANNING, LANDSCAPE
SECTOR: EDUCATION
CONTRACTOR: WATES CONSTRUCTION
LANDSCAPE: AUSTIN-SMITH:LORD
STRUCTURES: CLARKE BOND CONSULTING ENGINEERS
SERVICES: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DESIGN
COST CONSULTANT: THE SIMON FENTON PARTNERSHIP
AWARDS: MSA AWARD BUILDING OF THE YEAR AND COMMUNITY BUILDING OF THE YEAR; 2011
 RIBA AWARD SHORTLIST; 2011

Austin-Smith:Lord was appointed by Stockport College as master planners, lead consultant and designers of their Phase 1 and 2 redevelopment programme. This programme was designed to bring forward a 21st Century Flagship Campus on the existing site and the recently acquired St Thomas Hospital site, which together sit on the southerly approach to the town centre.

This 37,500m² flagship campus enhances the College's image and profile across all areas of the curriculum and further strengthens its reputation.

The new campus reflects an exciting mix of substantial new build accommodation, retained and refurbished Victorian listed buildings and the best elements of the previously existing estate.



Phase 1: Sir Joseph Whitworth and Dame Joan Bakewell Buildings

Phase 1 provided Stockport College with new, state of the art workshop accommodation as part of a multi-phase redevelopment strategy that encompassed the entire city centre campus. To maximise built accommodation on this relatively small site, the buildings front the edges of the site around a central service yard, incorporating plant space, classroom accommodation, specialist workshops, cafeteria and changing facilities.

Bold cantilevered forms are used to maximise the floor space above ground floor and allow access into the adjacent street whilst opening up routes through the campus. The blocks are clad in a limited palette of robust materials to reflect their workshop use and create a commanding presence along a major route in to the centre of Stockport. Anthra zinc and precast concrete provide solidity, whilst long elevations of glass channels provide abundant, glare free natural light.

Phase 2: St Thomas' Hospital

Austin-Smith:Lord's conversion of this Grade II* Listed Henry Bowman Building dating from 1840 has given a new lease of life to the Union Warehouse which now forms an important part of a new 'collegiate' structure for the masterplan. The buildings have been carefully restored with attention given to high quality brickwork repairs and the replacement of missing timber scrolls evidenced from research on historic photographs.

