

Project Profile



Oxford Brookes University, Oxford - 3 packages of work

Client: Oxford Brookes University
Architects: Design Engine Architects
Ramboll UK Ltd
Land Use Consultants
Contractor: Laing O'Rourke
On-site Period: March 2012 - April 2014
Value: £2.8m

Stone: Chinese Granite GRA 921
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Purbeck Buff Limestone
Precast Concrete
Block Paving

Our role:

The design, supply and installation of approximately 1,150m² of stone cladding, 4,250m² of stone flooring, inc 4,250m² of insulation and screeding, 6,800m² of hard landscaping and 900lm of bleachers and steps.



Oxford Brookes University is a new university in Oxford, which can trace its origins to 1865 when the former Oxford School of Art was established. The university was renamed in 1992 to honour its former principal, John Brookes.

At the end of May 2014, Vetter UK successfully completed their packages of work on the £65 million redevelopment of the University campuses. The project was split in to three phases; an extension to the Abercrombie building with its Glass Tank exhibition space, the new John Henry Brookes building which houses a new library, lecture theatres and teaching spaces and the third phases New Colonnade building, cafe & shops which are due to open later in the summer. The overall scope of works encompassed New Build, as well as extension and refurbishments to existing buildings and landscaping.

For Vetter UK, the scheme involved the design, supply and installation of approx 1,150m² of external stone cladding, 4,250m² of internal stone flooring (inc 4,250m² of insulation and screeding), 6,800m² of hard landscaping and 900lm of bleachers and steps across phases one and two.

Vetter UK formed part of an integrated Laing O'Rourke team, this 'One Team' approach to delivery providing specialist expertise in collaboration with the other one team partners, Expanded, Crown House and Explore Manufacturing throughout. Challenges faced and overcome by the team included the logistics of working within and around a live university campus and the innovation of design within the building.

The project has recently been awarded 3 RIBA South Regional Awards, with the Abercrombie Building picking up the Sustainability Award and overall RIBA South Building of the Year.



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