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HICKTON GOES UP TO OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Hickton has provided Building and M&E Clerk of Works services on the new Pipe Partridge Building at Lady Margaret Hall College, Oxford University.

The Building is phase 1 of the College's planned site development and will provide accommodation for students on the first floor and dining room, domed-ceiling Simpkins Lee Lecture theatre and new Junior Common Room on the ground floor.

Hickton was commissioned by the client, Bidwells, after building work had started and soon identified several areas that required immediate corrective action.

Hickton's Clerk of Work kept the client, along with the university bursar and treasury, up to date with progress on site through regular reports. This ensured they were full informed of developments and meant, for example, that later issues with internal fit out were again quickly resolved.

Bidwells Building Consultancy Division provides professional construction consultancy services across all property sectors. It appointed Hickton because it was looking to deliver a building of the highest quality, befitting of this world class university.

Clerks of Works are being used on an increasing number of construction sites because, in reality, projects that are not independently monitored by the right professionals can end up with defects that have long term effects on the functionality and performance of the building. In contrast a well designed and constructed building will be fit for purpose, easy to use and achieve optimum energy performance.

Hickton is an award winning ISO9001 Clerk of Works practice that provides highly qualified and experienced professionals to ensure that construction projects are completed as the client and design team intended. Its goal is to offer clients 'confidence in construction', which means ensuring the project meets exacting design and legislative requirements.

