

PRESS CLIPPING

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HICKTON TOP OF THE CLASS AT NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY

Hickton has provided CDMC and Clerk of Works services to the recently completed student accommodation buildings for Nottingham University.

The Sutton Bonington Campus is home to the University of Nottingham School of Biosciences and School of Veterinary Medicine & Science.

The building work on site was carried out by Ocon Construction of Salford. Hickton was commissioned by Nottingham University and Opal Property Group, the clients on this project, as key project advisor on CDMC construction Health and Safety risk management matters. Hickton advised on matters of competency, management, co-ordination of H&S as well as facilitating good co-operation and communication between all the contractors on site.

Acting as CDMC, Hickton were involved with the Health & Safety File, which holds detailed information on the project that would be required to safeguard the H&S of any person if further construction work is carried out in the future and for those maintaining the building in use.

Hickton also provided Clerk of Works services at Sutton Bonington. As part of this role, the company acted as the eyes and ears of the client, keeping them fully informed of activity on site and ensuring the project reached planned outcomes.

Ray Derby from Hickton explains: "Sutton Bonington was built to extremely high standards of energy efficiency and we were able to work with Ocon Construction to ensure a right first time approach. This helped the project remain on time and to budget."



Sutton Bonington has set itself the goal of exceeding the 10 per cent renewable energy target and incorporates several innovative features. This includes hot water generated centrally by a Biomass boiler that uses woodchips from locally grown willow.

Chris Snow, Business Development Manager at Ocon Construction, said: "Having Hickton on site was a huge benefit as they were able to coordinate CDMC requirements and their clerk of works services helped us identify any potential issues on site before they arose."

Hickton has provided Clerk of Works services on a number of other educational projects including the University of Liverpool and the new Walsall College.

Hickton adopts a 'right first time' approach, enabling contractors and clients to avoid costly and time consuming remedial activities later in the build, which ultimately means fewer delays and the highest quality workmanship on site.

Hickton employs over 50 experienced inspectors. They are based around the UK and are able to provide Clerk of Works services to a wide variety of construction and refurbishment projects.