

LEADING THE WAY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY HUB IN PLYMOUTH



EC Harris are providing Project Management, Cost Management and Education consultancy to Plymouth City Council for the rebuild of Estover Community College. The council's ambitious plans to co-locate a secondary school, special school, primary school, museum and community facilities have been enabled through the support of our team.

Creating solutions

Our team were able to support the Council through their initial proposal stage and then through the development of the project, procurement and now whilst the project is on site. Our education team helped the Council develop an affordable scheme, by challenging the expectations and requirements of Building Bulletin 99, to develop an innovative accommodation schedule where different campus users are to share key spaces to enable the highest possible efficiency in use.

Our involvement throughout the development of the scheme's vision, through the consultation exercises with the school, students and the community and in keeping a firm control of the project costs and processes has made us a valued partner in the delivery of this exciting and innovative pathfinder scheme.

EC Harris have played a major role in the negotiations between the Primary Care Trust, school representatives and Early Years representatives which not only supports a school amalgamation project, but also brings together elements of the community to provide a strong 'community hub'. The designs for the site include the provision of a school with community access to many facilities, a doctors' surgery and a children's centre in a single, integrated design.

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Adding value

By providing challenge to the Council’s expectations, the school staff and to the DCSF guidance, EC Harris has been able to support the development of an innovative and efficient scheme, which is affordable and deliverable within the project constraints. Education transformation is at the heart of the brief and the way in which space is configured across the whole campus will enable a different approach to the delivery of the curriculum and an inclusive and community-focussed campus to be developed.

The consideration of what spaces could be shared between users, how prudential borrowing could be used to leverage in additional funding and how the different users would access the building were all critical to the project being deliverable and affordable.

The end solution will provide, for this relatively deprived community, a much needed community hub, improved education accommodation and will bring together other council run services.

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