

ProjectTitle Eastleigh College Redevelopment Client Eastleigh College Completion Autumn 2017 Contract Value £8m

ArchitecturePLB were appointed to design two new buildings for Eastleigh College, one on the main campus and a technology building on a nearby satellite campus. Part disposal of the smaller satellite campus was to fund the new buildings. By analysing the brief requirements for both buildings ArchitecturePLB were able to offer an alternative solution allowing full disposal of the satellite campus, providing all requirements for the two new buildings on the college's main campus.

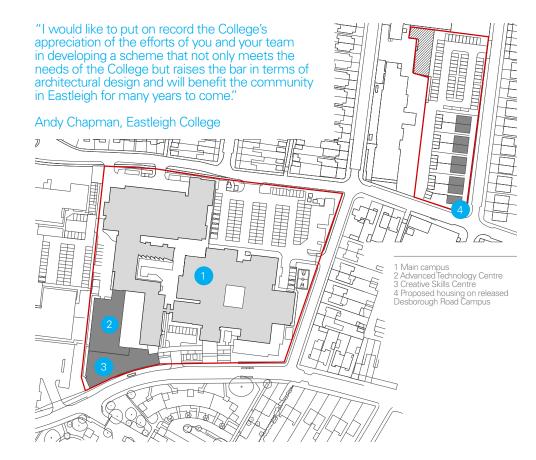
The Creative Skills Centre has a strong frontage to the main road, giving the college a bold new public identity. Professional training suites such as hairdressing and beauty are visible and can be accessed off the street. Internally an atrium brings daylight into the heart of the building, providing an arrivals space for the more public facing teaching departments and a circulation space for the more student focused teaching areas higher up the building.

The Advanced Technology Centre sits behind The Creative Skills Centre, creating a new courtyard which enhances the whole campus where much of the existing external space is taken up by car parking. The large flexible floor plate can be adapted to support changes in the technologies being taught. The striking facade design reflects the technologies theme with a solar shading design based on the element Ytterbium which forms the basis of research into a new form of superconductor.



'Architecture PLB worked in partnership with us to meet our requirements and needs and have done an exceptional job at creating the buildings which have helped us stand out from any other colleges in the local area."

Dr Jan Edrich, Chief Executive and Principal, Eastleigh College







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