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# EVENT PROGRAMME

KING POWER STADIUM THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2014

2014



# FOREWORD

A very warm welcome to the property and construction industry and all those who support its hugely creative and inspirational work in Leicestershire and Rutland. You join us here at the King Power Stadium for our celebration of the very best new buildings and construction projects practically completed in 2013 or 2014 and which are now competing for this year's ProCon Awards.

The increased level of construction activity and more optimistic mood now prevailing across the industry is reflected in the number and variety of nominations for ProCon Awards received this year. The changes we made to the categories last year were well received and are now a settled part of the ProCon Awards. While recognising the unique features of each entry, we believe the Awards now genuinely promote a level playing field of competition across the industry.

We thank our specialist judges Kanti Chhapi, Ashley Cooper, Umesh Desai, Alan Gledhill, Mark Heggs, Trevor Humphreys, Phil Jeffrey, Peter Joel, Paul Maddern, Frazer Robson, Phil Sayers, Derek Walker and Peter Wilkinson and acknowledge their part in considering and visiting the many nominated buildings. Our congratulations go to all the finalists who are showcased here tonight, but we would also like to thank everyone who has entered the Awards. The competition was fierce and generally the standard of entries very high. Even if your entry did not get through to finalist status, we hope you will use this evening to celebrate jobs well done.

Thank you also to the ProCon members who studied the entries on our superb new website and picked their winners. On the website you will find photographs and details of all the projects seen this evening, and the finalists and winners from previous years' awards. Please take the time to review what is an inspiring archive.

We are very proud that the ProCon Awards Dinner has become the East Midlands' major networking event of the year and is a highlight in the Leicestershire and Rutland business calendar. You are surrounded by representatives from every discipline involved in the property and construction industries – an excellent opportunity to renew and strengthen existing friendships and to make some new ones.

Our final thanks go to all the sponsors of the 2014 ProCon Awards, without whom we could not run this Awards Dinner. Our corporate sponsors this year are Gateley, Salus Approved Inspectors, Westleigh Partnerships and Willmott Dixon and our award sponsors are Marrons Shakespeares and the Leicester Mercury. Thank you also to all our associate sponsors. Their support is so important to us.

On behalf of ProCon Leicestershire we wish you all another very memorable evening.



**Pam Allardice**



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## PROGRAMME

6.45pm	Wine reception Exhibition
7.40pm	Call through for dinner
8.00pm	Introduction Craig Mitchell and Pam Allardice
8.15pm	Dinner
10.00pm	Guest speaker and charity raffle Dominic Holland
10.20pm	Awards ceremony
10.50pm	Closing remarks
11.00pm	Casino
2.00am	Last orders



**This year our chosen charity is the local branch of Parkinson's UK.**

#### **Parkinson's UK**

Parkinson's UK has for the last forty years been this country's leading charity for the research into Parkinson's disease. It supports everyone associated with this debilitating illness, whether it be the sufferer, carer or friend. This disease is now known to affect over 127,000 people in Britain today and as we live in an ageing society, this number is sure to rise. Whilst it is thought by many to only affect the elderly 1 in 7 are under 50, while 1 in 20 are under 40. At this time 10,000 people are newly diagnosed each year in the UK alone. As yet there is no known cure.

Parkinson's occurs when Dopermine producing cells are lost from the part of the brain that controls movement. Dopermine is a chemical that enables people to perform smooth co-ordinated movements by transmitting messages between nerve cells and muscles. This chemical also contributes to the cognitive process, aiding switching of attention, problem solving, motivation, mood and visual perception.

In reality the sufferer may experience problems with any part of the body controlled by muscles i.e. movement of limbs, swallowing, posture, bowel and bladder control, dexterity, speech and hearing difficulties. The non-motor symptoms which are more difficult to recognise and which can sometimes be overlooked for a long time are, anxiety, panic attacks, extreme pain, depression, sleeplessness, memory loss and excessive sweating.

#### **Local Support**

Whilst Parkinson's UK is a national charity; it operates locally throughout the UK and it is the Hinckley and District branch that ProCon are supporting this year. The local branches look at what their members require and direct their support accordingly.

As Jennifer Hill from Parkinson's Hinckley branch says: "I truly believe that being pro-active with the mind and doing as much as one can for as long as possible is the best way forward. My personal targets are to fundraise to be able to offer tailor made support locally including organising trips away for people like myself and their carers. Having something to look forward to is vital."

**The ProCon Board hope that you will give generously.**

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CHANGE ATTITUDES.  
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## **Dominic Holland**

**Multi-award winning,  
Dominic Holland has been  
a professional comedian  
for more years than he  
cares to recall.**



With countless television and radio appearances including HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU and THE ROYAL VARIETY PERFORMANCE, LOOSE ENDS and THE NEWS QUIZ, as well as his two BBC R4 series – Dominic's quick wit and accessible material has allowed him to tour the UK constantly and he has established himself as a firm fixture on the business entertainment circuit also.

A Perrier Best Newcomer and Nominee at the Edinburgh fringe, he has performed five individual one man shows and continues to tour the country and beyond.

His first radio series – the small world of Dominic Holland won a comic heritage award and continues to be played

regularly on BBC R7, and this series was followed up by a series called Holland's Shorts.

He is as comfortable addressing 3000 people for dinner at the Cowes Regatta on the Isle of White or an intimate dinner for 60 at a medieval Chateau on Lake Geneva.

Dominic has hosted three day conferences for BUPA, BRISTOL MYERS-SQUIBB, ICELAND, SANOFI, MAZDA and many others.

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## SMALL RESIDENTIAL SCHEME

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The scheme is judged in terms of its impact in the following criteria:

- Creative approach to property development including the issues and challenges overcome
- Design excellence
- Construction quality and innovation
- Visual impact
- Sympathetic environmental impact
- Integration into the surrounding area
- Budgetary considerations

Residential for the purpose of these Awards is classed as any scheme which is used for living purposes e.g. single dwelling, care home, housing development, apartments, student accommodation. Properties can be new build, conversion or refurbishment.

Small Residential means five units or less.

### Chaveney Road, Quorn submitted by Architects LE1



The comprehensive upgrade, alteration and extension of an existing house has created a high quality, contemporary family home. The owners purchased the large Edwardian house and asked Architects LE1 to design its transformation into a spacious and stylish home. The brief was to create a spacious, contemporary home with a dramatic entrance hall, five bedrooms (three with en-suite), open plan kitchen/dining/living spaces, a double garage/workshop and a family cinema. The existing floors and walls were insulated and rendered on the outside, and the roof was re-slatted incorporating sarking insulation. Roof lights add drama to the double-height spaces. The new exterior uses a limited palette of materials; natural slate for the roof, through-coloured render for the walls on a dry-stone plinth. Windows and fascia cladding are powder coated aluminium and the front door, porch, garage door and horizontal cladding sections are oiled hardwood. At the rear of the house a full-width extension incorporates cornerless, bi-folding doors.

**Contract value:** £552,000  
**Completion date:** January 2014  
**Main parties involved:**  
Client: Simon and Jane Kelly  
Contractor: B&A Construction  
Architect: Architects LE1  
Structural Engineer: PRP (UK)  
M&E Engineer: Faarup Associates

Electrical: J H Electrical  
Plumbing: Tim Cox  
Interiors: Plug Interiors  
Landscaping: Goscote Landscapes  
Timber: Timber Natural

### Hall Farm Barns, Scraftoft submitted by Staniforth Architects



Hall Farm Barns is a conversion of formerly derelict agricultural barns adjacent to Hall Farm on the edge of Scraftoft village into two dwellings. With the very highest specification and offering impressive rural views, the conversion was designed with minimal additional extensions to retain the relationship of the barns and their fold yard. Energy efficiency is key with near zero utility costs by the subtle use of solar and photovoltaic panels, air source heat pumps and underfloor heating. Key to the project's feasibility was gaining maximum value from the site through careful planning of the spaces, high quality finishes and the appeal of low running costs. The existing structure retained – brickwork, concrete columns, steel bracing – was carefully renovated and now sits in tactile contrast with the new. The sensitive renovation retained existing openings and materials, while incorporating new elements which add interest and breaks in the large open spaces of the barns, including fireplaces and new curved internal walls.

**Contract value:** £700,000  
**Completion date:** December 2013  
**Main parties involved:**  
Developer: Onsen Homes  
Contractor: Brown & Green  
Architect: Staniforth Architects

### The Solar House, Great Glen submitted by Caplin Homes



Believed to be the first fully solar powered new-build home in the UK, the Solar House is zero carbon with heating, hot water and lighting all sourced from the sun. Built by Caplin Homes, the house captures energy via a solar array and stores heat in an underground 'Energy Earth Bank' to be accessed when required via a heat pump. The energy performance of the Solar House is being studied by De Montfort University. Key to the project is Caplin Homes' patented 'Energy Earth Bank', which addresses the energy balance of demand being greatest when the least solar energy is available and at a minimum when sunshine is abundant. On the roof an array of 28 hybrid Photovoltaic Thermal (PVT) panels collect both thermal and electrical energy. The energy generated from these panels is used as required within the house. The excess, greatest in summer, is used to warm the earth underneath the home. The energy can be drawn upon which heat is required during colder months.

**Contract value:** £600,000  
**Completion date:** September 2013  
**Main parties involved:**  
Developer and contractor: Caplin Homes  
Architect: John Cotterill Sustainable Architecture  
Technology partner: Newform Energy  
Research: Institute of Energy and Sustainable Development, De Montfort University



## LARGE RESIDENTIAL SCHEME

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- Sympathetic environmental impact
- Integration into the surrounding area
- Budgetary considerations

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Large Residential means six or more units.

### The Ashton, John Street, Hinckley submitted by Wynbrook



The Ashton is a 72 bed nursing home providing residential, nursing and dementia care for the elderly. On the site of a former hosiery factory, The Ashton reflects the history of the site with local history incorporated by the use of local historical hosiery company names. The scheme is constructed from traditional materials that are sympathetic to the surrounding area with a modern twist, created by the use of grey windows and white render. Finishes and colour are used to help residents, with the dementia floor colour coded to enable recognition. Nursing facilities include stations on each floor, consulting rooms, clinics and sluices which enable access to medication and patient records on site. Extra care was taken when incorporating these into the home in order to create a domestic feel to the environment. All bedrooms have en-suite showers to retain a level of independence for residents, while the less able can use the assisted bathing facilities on every floor. The interior design complements the overall scheme, with a fit and quality on a par with a four star hotel.

**Contract value:** £3.15million

**Completion date:** June 2014

**Main parties involved:**

Developer: Magnum Care

Contractor: Wynbrook

Architect: HSSP Architects

Agent: Goodrich Consulting

Structural Engineer: Howard Ward Associates

Interior design: Just Imagine Interiors

### The Courtyard, Quorn submitted by Architects LE1



A former village police station site was redeveloped with a range of nine apartments, external landscaping and car park. On the edge of Quorn's conservation area, The Courtyard was designed to sit comfortably in the street scene, with the appearance of a row of town houses, but internally providing an interesting mix of apartments. The site has existing residential properties on all sides and the developer and architects went to great lengths during the design and planning application phases to deal with the concerns of neighbours. The scheme contains a variety of apartment properties, including single and two-bedroom units with private external spaces to the ground floor, two bedroom apartments with balconies and double-height spaces to the first floor, and a three-bedroom penthouse on the top floor. The external appearance uses simple traditional forms and details and a limited palette of materials; natural slate for the roof, conservation roof lights, red clay facing bricks, timber-framed windows and canopy porches and single point brick arches.

**Contract value:** £763,000

**Completion date:** June 2013

**Main parties involved:**

Developer: Chaveney Properties

Contractor: B&A Construction

Architect: Architects LE1

Structural Engineer: Diamond Wood & Shaw

M&E Engineer: BEC

### Old Hall Farm, Cottesmore submitted by Hazelton Homes



Capturing the character and the atmosphere of historic buildings in the heart of a rural village and giving them a fresh life in the modern world was the aim of this 25 home development. The range of outbuildings at Old Hall Farm in Cottesmore stood derelict for years. Hazelton Homes has married the conversion of the run-down outbuildings and cottage into 12 terraced homes with the building of 13 new properties constructed in a matching and integrated style. Dating back to the 16th century, the outbuildings at Old Hall Farm are Grade II listed. Old Hall Farm and its outbuildings once belonged to Cottesmore Hall, which was all but destroyed in a fire in 1928 during a refurbishment. Hazelton Homes bought the derelict outbuildings in 2010. The project included converting the redundant farm structures and replacing unwanted and unsightly steel constructions with a new residential area integrated with the listed buildings development. A further aim was to enhance the village scene by adding a courtyard and providing parking spaces for existing neighbours.

**Contract value:** £5.8million

**Completion date:** December 2013

**Main parties involved:**

Developer: Hazelton Homes

Contractor: David Cox Building Contractors

Architect: KRT Associates



### ProCon Leicestershire Limited

ProCon is a not for profit membership organisation which has been involved in the property and construction sectors and related industries in Leicestershire and Rutland since 2000.

We provide information and debate on current and topical issues that affect these industries both generally and locally, and our events also stimulate networking opportunities.

In addition to the Awards, ProCon runs up to four other events each year for members focusing on current developments locally and other important topics for the sector. Recent events have focused on the various aspects of the regeneration of Leicester city centre, a visit to the newly opened Richard III Visitor Centre, a focus on local government procurement issues and a talk from the Environment Agency regarding flooding issues in the city and county.

Planning for next year's events is already underway. Please contact any member of the committee with any ideas you may have for a ProCon event. If you would like further information regarding membership, sponsorship, becoming a Patron or any of our events you can find this on our website or contact:

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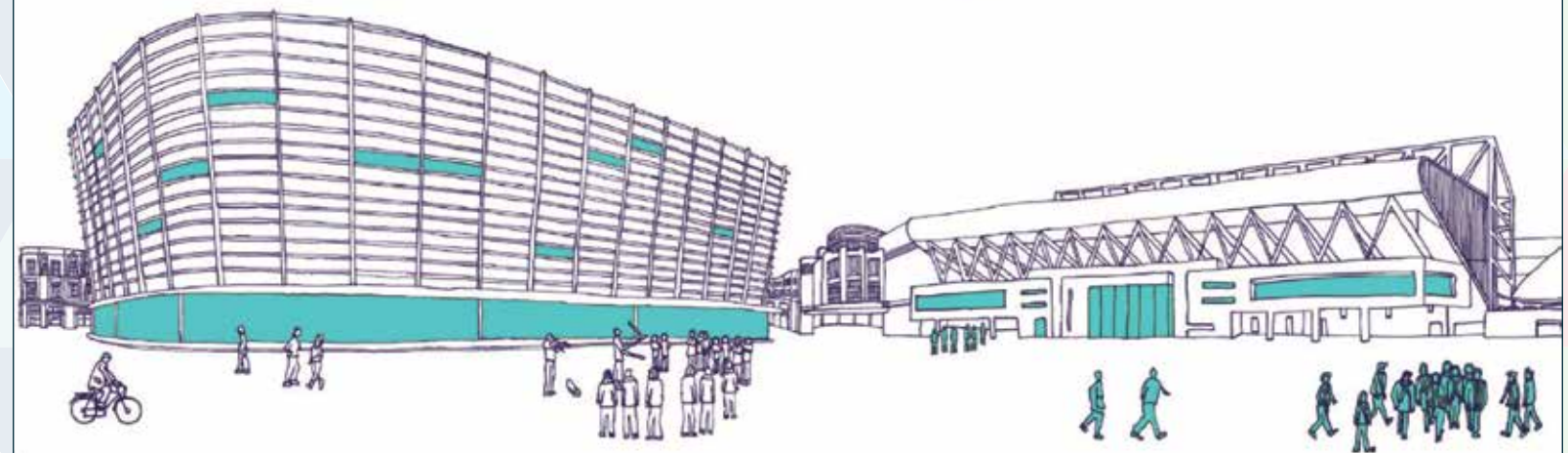
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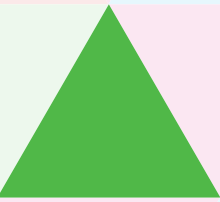
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# SMALL NON-RESIDENTIAL SCHEME

An Award made to a developer or owner of a non-residential scheme located within the Leicestershire or Rutland boundaries judged by both a panel of experts and the ProCon membership. Schemes must have achieved practical completion within the 18 months prior to 31st July 2014, and not have been previously submitted for a ProCon Award.

The scheme is judged in terms of its impact in the following criteria:

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- Design excellence
- Construction quality and innovation
- Visual impact
- Sympathetic environmental impact
- Integration into the surrounding area
- Budgetary considerations / value for money
- How well the development meets occupier needs

Non-Residential for the purpose of these Awards includes commercial developments, educational establishments, retail, leisure, industrial and mixed use developments.

Small Non-Residential applicants have a contract value of £3million or less.

## Bagworth Community Centre submitted by Smallman & Son



A complete refurbishment of the 104 year old building was needed following the discovery of major structural problems during a Big Lottery funded upgrade. The project, including structural and drainage works, has given a new lease of life to Bagworth Community Centre, at the heart of the Leicestershire village. Bagworth and Thornton Parish Council commissioned Pick Everard to upgrade the centre, with Smallman & Son winning the construction contract. The project included: complete refurbishment of the original hall; a new meeting room; fully refitted, commercial kitchen; purpose-designed parish office; a drop-in/breakout 'Hub'; toilets & storage facilities; and an extended, accessible entrance. Sustainable features included photovoltaic roof tiles, low and zero carbon technologies where practicable and local sourcing of materials. During the refurbishment subsidence was discovered, with extensive damage to the walls, drainage system and subfloor slab. A reinforced concrete floor slab was laid, dowelled into the footings to external walls and strengthened by localised underpinning.

**Contract value:** £346,000

**Completion date:** April 2014

**Main parties involved:**

Client: Bagworth & Thornton Parish Council

Contractor: Smallman & Son

Architect: Pick Everard

## Oakham School Sports Pavilion submitted by Corporate Architecture



Oakham School needed a new sports and cricket pavilion to replace the outdated, but much-loved existing pavilion 'Stumps'. The new pavilion was to embody the spirit of the school whose core aim is to deliver high quality sports tuition and participation as part of its holistic educational approach within a broad curriculum. The design was developed to meet the high standards of an eminent sporting institution and the various teams that represent it. Centrally placed at the heart of the school's sports facilities, with views across the various pitches and the cricket square, a backdrop of mature trees frames the building. The simple, legible layout is safe and welcoming to both pupils and those visiting. There are four multi-purpose changing rooms. The building provides the facilities required for teams, officials, parents, and other spectators. There is also adequate storage for all sports equipment within the roof space. A cupola housing clock facing in each direction sits proudly on the ridge line in keeping with traditional pavilion styling. Rainwater is captured for irrigation of playing surfaces.

**Contract value:** £500,000

**Completion date:** May 2014

**Main parties involved:**

Client: Oakham School Estates Department

Contractor: PGR Construction

Architect and project manager: Corporate Architecture

QS: John Foulkes-Arnold Associates

Structural and civil engineer: CDS Construction

## Rutland Agricultural Society HQ and Oakham Rugby Club submitted by Architects LE1



The new exhibition and function space plus offices for the Rutland Agricultural Society (RAS) is an agriculturally inspired group of contemporary buildings in a countryside setting. The project includes an attached clubhouse and changing rooms for Oakham Rugby Club and a detached pavilion of separate changing facilities for Royce Rangers Amateur Football Club. The principle aim of the project was to allow the RAS to re-establish The Rutland Show at a location within easy reach of Oakham. The RAS wanted to bring its Rutland County Show away from Burleigh House and to return it close to Oakham. Annual attendance at the show had been declining. The design of the new building was a complex and intricate balancing act, including a planning wish for a design that did not look like a leisure and sports complex but was sympathetic to the rural location. The building takes its inspiration from the form and proportions of a grain barn; a lofty, double-height central space with a floor inserted in the gable end. The primary aim of bolstering attendance at the Rutland Show has already been more than achieved.

**Contract value:** £1.9million

**Completion date:** June 2014

**Main parties involved:**

Client: Rutland Agricultural Society

Contractor: DW Hicks

Architect and project manager: Architects LE1

Employers agent and QS: MDA Consulting

Structural engineer: Diamond Wood & Shaw

M&E engineer: BEC



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Large Non-Residential applicants have a contract value in excess of £3million.

### DOCK

submitted by Maber Architects, Leicester City Council and Willmott Dixon



Designed for Leicester City Council, the building provides a range of workspaces for science and technology start ups and a set of communal spaces to promote interaction and the sharing of knowledge. The choice of materials and bold expression of dynamic forms was developed to reflect the nature of the hi-tech business tenants. A palette of cool metallic surfaces paired with warm timber accents creates a sophisticated atmosphere. DOCK is part of the Council's vision to promote science and technology in the city and is aimed at attracting business start-ups. This meant designing a flexible building to meet the multifarious needs of different business; which could be as diverse as software design and light industrial manufacturing. The site was a former industrial plot on the Abbey Meadows regeneration area. DOCK is proving to be a catalyst to further development of the park. Two blocks containing the workspaces are set at an angle to each other around central circulation. One of the two blocks is blue-brick clad (echoing the industrial past) and one zinc clad (expressing a hi-tech future).

**Contract value:** £5.9million

**Completion date:** November 2013

**Main parties involved:**

Client: Leicester City Council

Contractor: Willmott Dixon

Architect, landscape and interior designer: Maber Architects

Structural engineer: Price & Myers

M&E engineer: Edmond Shipway

### King Richard III Visitor Centre

submitted by Maber Architects, Leicester City Council and Morgan Sindall



The Visitor Centre tells the story of the extraordinary discovery of King Richard III in a Leicester car park. Leicester City Council commissioned the new centre for the city, exploring the dynasty, death and discovery of King Richard III. Located on the site of the grave and within a former grammar school, the project includes elements of renovation and new build seeking to complement the exhibition. The overriding objective is to create a welcoming visitor attraction that will enhance tourism for the city of Leicester. The design of the Visitor Centre takes into account the importance and sensitivity of the final resting place of a former King of England. The project has been designed and delivered to not only attract visitors from across the world but also to be a high quality environment. It uses locally sourced materials and historical references to the former medieval Greyfriars church, which stood on the site at the time of King Richard's life and death. This project links with other compatible developments taking place in the Cathedral Guildhall area, making this a key gateway into the heart of Leicester.

**Contract value:** £4million

**Completion date:** July 2014

**Main parties involved:**

Client: Leicester City Council

Contractor: Morgan Sindall

Architect and interior designer: Maber Architects

Exhibition design: Studio MB

Structural engineer: Elliott Wood

Project manager: Faithful & Gould

### Science Centre, Uppingham School

submitted by Bowmer & Kirkland



The new Science Centre is the final piece of an ambitious masterplan for Uppingham School, providing 15 new state of the art laboratories, a new buttery, library, classrooms and a large lecture theatre, all enhanced by a hard and soft landscaped quad and roof garden. It connects the school's Western Quad to neighbouring facilities for sport, art and drama and is sympathetically constructed with local stone and specialist brickwork. The building also fronts a public street and blends in perfectly with its existing surroundings. The Centre aims to particularly encourage enthusiasm for science amongst female pupils. Primarily a steel framed building with precast concrete plank floors, it features English cross bond brickwork panels within a three storey brick frame. The main Stockerston Road frontage and colonnade to the Quadrangle is formed in cast stone and frames infill panels of the local Clipsham stone, which ties into the school's Sports Centre. There is already an increased science uptake by girls and the lecture theatre and ground floor are attracting external bookings.

**Contract value:** £14.5million

**Completion date:** July 2014

**Main parties involved:**

Client: Uppingham School

Contractor: Bowmer & Kirkland

Architect: ORMS Designers & Architects

QS and project manager: Davis Langdon

Structural engineer: Brookbanks Consulting

M&E engineer: Derry Building Services





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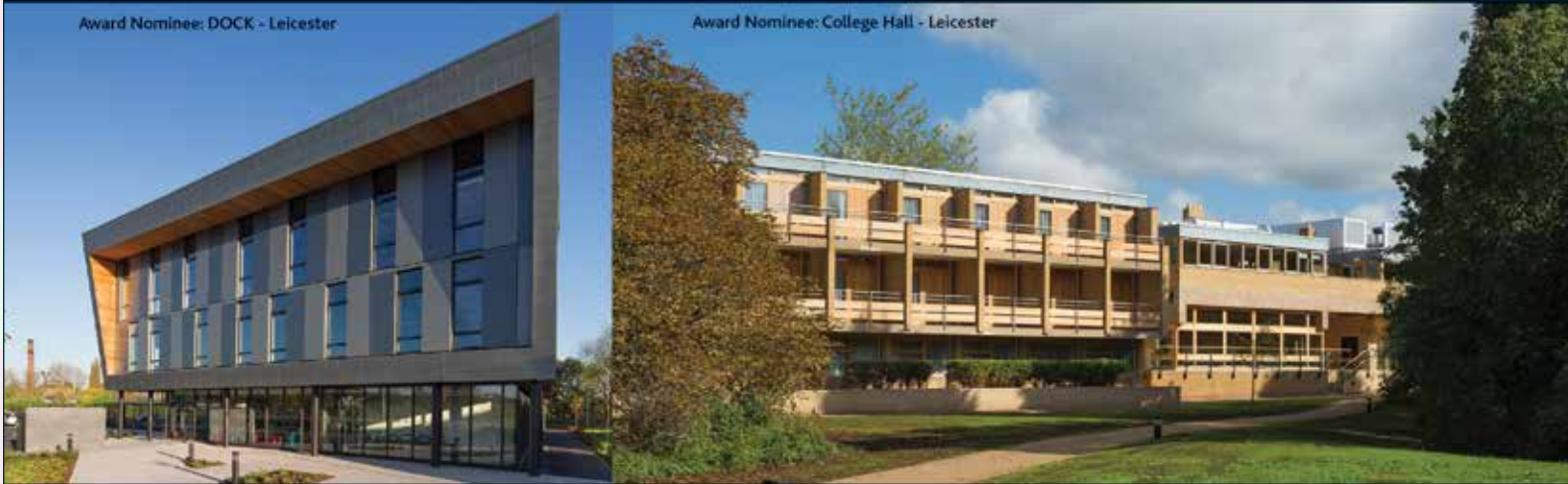
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## REGENERATION PROJECT

An Award given to the developer/owner/designer of a building, scheme, landmark or other construction of any size or type completed within the 18 months prior to 31st July 2014 that the judging panel, including experts in the field, consider to be the best contribution to or catalyst for the regeneration of its local area within Leicestershire or Rutland. The project cannot have previously been submitted for a ProCon Award.

The development will be judged on the following criteria:

- Catalyst for the regeneration of the wider area – the extent to which the project has acted as a catalyst for the regeneration of the surrounding area or created opportunities for this to happen in the future
- Economic regeneration benefits of the scheme – jobs created or saved, investment brought in, training provided, etc
- Social/community and environmental regeneration benefits – including facilities for local residents, support for community groups, sustainability features, etc
- Response to constraints and other regeneration factors – e.g. how dealt with brownfield land, contaminated land, listed building status, etc
- Quality of design and building/conservation works
- Development sensitivity – to the surrounding area

### CODE, Western Road – Phase 3

submitted by rg+p



The CODE development on Western Road in Leicester provides high quality student accommodation designed by rg+p and breathes new life into a run down area. The third and final phase of this development provides 425 beds on the site next to the Grand Union Canal. It finally completes the gap left by previous developments, using industrial land that has suffered from lack of investment. The project has acted as a catalyst for regeneration of the wider area in a number of ways. It replaced previously redundant factory and commercial buildings with a high quality development that has helped to free up existing housing stock in the Westcotes area. CODE has already started to create the impetus for local families to move back into the area where previously the very high level of student occupation, which had become the norm, had made this difficult. The project can also be seen as a catalyst for further development of Leicester's waterside.

**Contract value:** £20million

**Completion date:** September 2013

**Main parties involved:**

Contractor: Winvic Build

Architect: rg+p

Employers agent and QS: MDA Consulting

Engineer: PRP Consulting

### College Court, University of Leicester

submitted by Willmott Dixon Construction



The transformation of this dilapidated set of buildings into a high specification modern conference centre complete with 123 bedrooms has regenerated a tired site and brought benefits for the University and the local economy. The College Court project, by contractor Willmott Dixon Construction, is enhancing the status of the University, and helping to create links between academia, industry and business. The site, within a Conservation Area, had fallen into disrepair but now provides excellent facilities for local and regional businesses looking to host events. Attracting regional businesses and other organisations to locate conferences and meetings in Leicester provides a boost to the local economy. The venue's new life has created 18 jobs. The project team was keen to source subcontractors and materials as locally as possible. Almost 22 per cent of the total spend was kept within a 20 mile radius and more than 90 per cent within 40 miles.

**Contract value:** £14million

**Completion date:** September 2013

**Main parties involved:**

Contractor: Willmott Dixon

Architect: Associated Architects

Structural engineer: Ramboll

M&E consultant: Couch Perry Wilkes

Cost Consultant: Gleeds

### Leicester Market Regeneration – Phase 1

submitted by Leicester City Council and Kier Construction



The Food Hall at Leicester Market completed Phase 1 of the regeneration strategy for this historically important economic area of Leicester's city centre. The modern, light and airy Food Hall is part of the plan to create a destination shopping experience and a public realm space for events, broadening the area's appeal and re-connecting it with the main shopping area. The market's regeneration aims to attract new customers and new businesses to ensure it is at the heart of the city's offer to residents and visitors for generations to come. A key goal was to relocate the traders who had built businesses in the degrading Market Centre to encourage a strong connection with the outdoor market. Since opening, this flagship building has encouraged new shopping demographics. The private sector has shown significant interest in investing in the surrounding premises.

**Contract value:** £3.5million

**Completion date:** May 2014

**Main parties involved:**

Contractor: Kier Construction

Architect: Greig & Stephenson





## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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- Overall sustainability – a discretionary evaluation based upon overall social, economic and environmental achievements in the round, or exceptional or innovative effort, especially on limited budgets.

### DOCK

submitted by Maber Architects, Leicester City Council and Willmott Dixon



Created for Leicester City Council, DOCK contains workspaces for science and technology start ups. DOCK was designed by Maber Architects with low carbon in mind. A high percentage of recycled content was used during the construction by Willmott Dixon. Air source heat pumps warm a highly airtight building with minimal heat losses. Glazing on all façades ensures DOCK benefits from increased solar gain during winter. DOCK's natural ventilation strategy sees manually opened windows draw in fresh air which is then vented into the atrium via acoustically attenuated grilles. At the summit of the atrium the building management system controls louvres to exhaust stale air. During warmer weather the levels of heat and carbon dioxide control fan units in each space to boost the ventilation. Bringing a brownfield site back into use is a sustainability plus. The ecology of the site was promoted. Areas of native wildflowers have been sown to promote biodiversity, with new trees planted and bat boxes installed.

**Contract value:** £5.9million

**Completion date:** November 2013

**Main parties involved:**

Client: Leicester City Council

Contractor: Willmott Dixon

Architect, landscape and interior designer: Maber Architects

Structural engineer: Price & Myers

M&E engineer: Edmond Shipway

### College Court, University of Leicester

submitted by Willmott Dixon Construction



College Court is the conversion of four disused accommodation blocks and a student union block into a high quality conference and accommodation centre for the University of Leicester. The Conservation Area site had been vacant for ten years with the survival of the Grade II listed building dependent on it being put to new use. The sustainability of the conversion included enhanced thermal performance of the envelope, improved air-tightness and retention of exposed thermal mass. Along with new high efficiency mechanical and electrical installations and controls, the result is significant improvements in energy use and emissions, resulting in an EPC 'B' rating. Externally, comprehensively enhanced soft and hard landscaping has been combined with measures to improve accessibility, site biodiversity and sustainable drainage. During the project almost 22 per cent of the total spend was placed with suppliers within a 20 mile radius and more than 90 per cent within a 40 mile radius.

**Contract value:** £14million

**Completion date:** September 2013

**Main parties involved:**

Contractor: Willmott Dixon

Architect: Associated Architects

Structural engineer: Ramboll

M&E consultant: Couch Perry Wilkes

Cost Consultant: Gleeds

### The Solar House, Great Glen

submitted by Caplin Homes



Combining the benefits of a Photovoltaic solar array, a heat pump and an energy bank has created a zero carbon home in Great Glen with the sun's energy providing year-round heating, hot water and lighting. Thought to be the UK's first fully solar powered new-build home, the Solar House was built by Caplin Homes to demonstrate that zero carbon can be both achievable and affordable. Caplin Homes' patented 'Energy Earth Bank' squares the circle of low demand during warm periods and high demand when it's cold. Excess energy warms the earth underneath the home to be drawn upon when needed. Energy flows within the house are being monitored by researchers at De Montfort University's Institute of Energy and Sustainable Development. A detailed paper will be compiled after 12 months, and the data collected will be used to model the energy system for use in other building designs. Interim reports show that the system is performing above and beyond expectations.

**Contract value:** £600,000

**Completion date:** September 2013

**Main parties involved:**

Developer and contractor: Caplin Homes

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