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FOREWORD

As Chair of ProCon, and on behalf of the ProCon Board, I welcome you all to the ProCon Leicestershire Awards.

Everyone is very pleased and very proud indeed that this is our 20th awards. Across more than two decades we have been celebrating the amazing vision and teamwork of the people and organisations behind hundreds of new buildings and other projects.

It is amazing to think that amongst our earliest winners were buildings such as The National Space Centre, Highcross and the Curve theatre which are now much loved landmarks that feel like they have always been there. The winners tonight will no doubt be equally appreciated in another two decades.

That we are together here at all is testament to the vision and commitment of one person, Pam Allardice. We continue to mourn the loss of Pam three years ago. She was the driving force in the first 17 years of the hugely successful awards.

Pam accomplished much in her professional career as a property lawyer, but I know these awards were the achievement she was most proud of. We will never forget her passion and contribution.

We are also here, in no small part, thanks to our sponsors. Your support means everything.

Thanks also go to our judges, for their time and expertise, and to everyone who entered the competition.

Tonight, we are raising money for the Leicester charity The Bridge Homelessness to Hope. Every pound you donate during this evening's raffle will provide support and advocacy to anyone over the age of 18 who is experiencing homelessness. Please be generous.

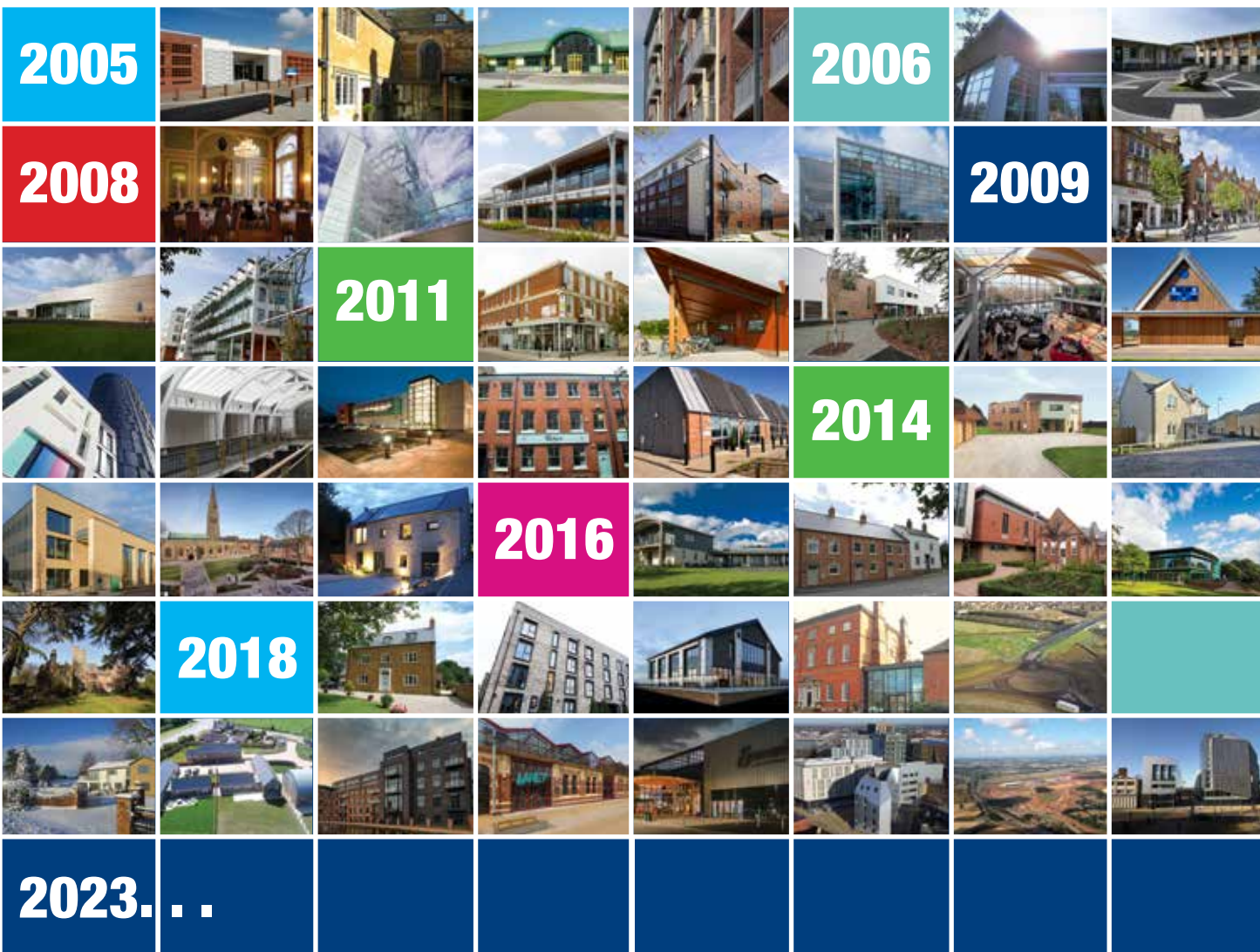
Although this awards ceremony is where the spotlight is brightest, ProCon Leicestershire is active right across the year. Please do join us at our end of year get together next month and get along to our programme of events in 2024.

Thanks to everyone who has made tonight possible. On behalf of ProCon Leicestershire, we wish all ProCon members and your guests a very enjoyable evening.



Umesh Desai
Chair, ProCon Leicestershire





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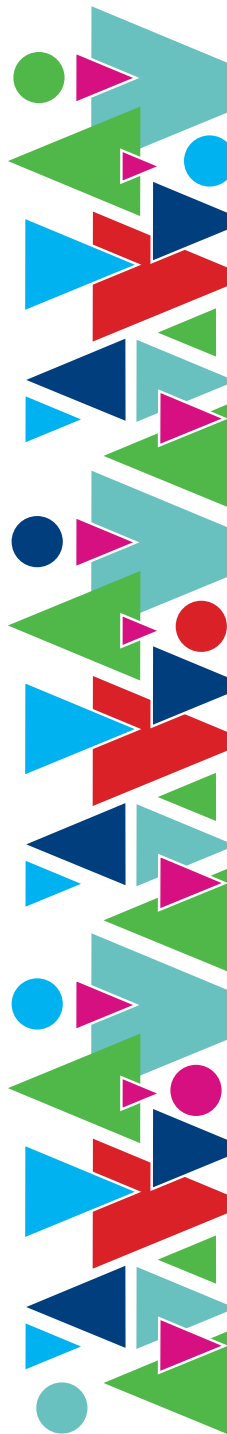
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6.15pm	Wine reception Exhibition
7.15pm	Call through for dinner
7.50pm	Introduction Umesh Desai, ProCon Chair
8.05pm	Dinner
10.05pm	Charity raffle
10.15pm	Awards ceremony
10.45pm	Closing remarks
11.00pm	Casino
2.00am	Bar closes

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MATT POOLE



Matt enjoyed a 12 year playing career with Leicester Tigers during which he won several titles and competitions, playing for England at a variety of age group levels as well as touring with the Senior team to Argentina and South Africa. He also had the privilege of playing for the Barbarians and Randwick in Sydney.

Following his retirement he moved into the commercial side of sport which eventually led to him forming his own Events and Hospitality Agency in 2014 which now enjoys working with leading domestic and international brands on a variety of projects.

Along the way he realised that sometimes it's just easier to do the hosting yourself and as a consequence has been asked to host many prestigious events both at home and overseas and is honoured to be doing the same again tonight.

CHARITY

The Bridge Homelessness to Hope, which is based in St Matthews, offers a vital lifeline to people in Leicester who are experiencing homelessness. This includes those rough sleeping, sofa surfing, and those who are living in temporary or unsuitable accommodation, otherwise known as the hidden homeless.



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This includes 190 properties, which are moving forward at pace at the St Aidan's Garden development in Burton-on-Trent. Part of the wider Branston Locks development, it includes 78 open-market homes available to buy, 80 homes for social rent and 32 offering shared ownership through a partnership with emh.

Lovell's innovative refurbishment service is also set to strengthen throughout this year and beyond, helping partners to make best use of their existing property portfolios through redeveloping and repurposing spaces. A key growth area, this service arm places a significant focus on retrofit services, working towards creating more sustainable homes for the benefit of residents and the planet.

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An Award for a 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 30 June 2023, and not have been previously submitted for a ProCon Award.

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 materials used
- Innovation used in the development/scheme
- Visual impact, internally and externally
- Sympathetic environmental impact and sustainable aspects
- 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 single dwelling / one unit.

Nanhill, Woodhouse Eaves

submitted by Diamond Wood & Shaw



A new contemporary glazed extension was added to a 1907 home in Woodhouse Eaves. Internal alterations doubled the size of the existing kitchen and defined living and dining areas were created around a feature tunnel fireplace.

The adjoining and contrasting structures were built more than a century apart and realised the owner's vision to create a clear line of sight from the front entrance through the property to the rear.

The design extended the interior into the outside living area and brought the exterior inside, with extensive use of openable sliding glazing and a feature rooflight.

The new eight metre by five metre single storey extension is predominantly glazed. The original external walls were removed, doubling the size of the kitchen.

The extra space enabled a seating area, a larger island, a dedicated dining area and a concealed bar area.

A high attention to detailed finishes and fittings and the use of natural colouring has resulted in a seamless connection and blending with the surrounding greenery.

Contract value: £0.54m

Completion date: November 2022

Main parties involved:

Katrina Brownhill

McCane Construction

The Art of Building

Diamond Wood and Shaw

KB Living

Sightline Aluminium Systems

IQ Glass Solutions

Streamline

Tara's House, Leicester

submitted by Walters Architects



The project at Tara's House was an update of an Edwardian house to add an ensuite bathroom in a first floor extension on a flat terrace roof. The zinc box extension includes a rooflight and internal glazed doors to enable light to enter the extended bedroom.

The lightweight timber frame construction reduced the load on the existing ground floor construction and is a quick form of construction. The design sought to contrast and complement the conservation area property's existing character, whilst creating a beautiful architectural addition with a playful interior.

Zinc was selected as an appropriate external material that complemented the red brick Edwardian house but remained subservient to the existing architecture.

The addition also improves the thermal performance of the adjacent façade and floor below.

Contract value: £0.03m

Completion date: May 2022

Main parties involved:

Walters Architects

Parkstone Building Services

Prestige Metal Roofing

The Garden Cottage, Hinckley

submitted by Hayward Architects



The Garden Cottage is a one-bedroomed annexe created from a former flat roofed garage.

The reuse of the redundant building at the bottom of the clients' garden has created living accommodation for a variety of users, including via Airbnb.

The Garden Cottage was designed to blend into its surroundings and optimise its limited space without compromising on comfort or aesthetics.

The cottage offers a sense of openness, with carefully placed windows and skylights that invite in natural light, creating an airy and inviting atmosphere.

The structure incorporates oak from sustainable sources throughout, energy-efficient systems and smart technologies, minimising environmental impact while maximizing comfort. The interior layout includes a living area, a kitchen, a comfortable bedroom and a bathroom.

More than half of those who worked on the project travelled less than one mile and all 24 trades involved had an average travel distance of less than three miles.

Contract value: £0.08m

Completion date: March 2023

Main parties involved:

Alan and Sian Chamberlain

Hayward Architects

Jon Oates

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Medium Residential means two to ten units.

Botts Lane, Appleby Magna

submitted by David Granger Architectural Design



Two detached houses have been built on unused paddock land at Botts Lane, Appleby Magna.

Located on a prominent corner site which is very visible when entering the village, it was important that the development was in keeping with the scale and character of existing dwellings and sat comfortably in the landscape.

Through discussions with the local authority, a contemporary design was achieved to provide a development that works in harmony with neighbouring properties.

The opportunity was there to tidy up a vacant site and create a residential scheme which had no visual or physical impact on surrounding properties but improved the current situation through contemporary design.

The public footpath over the paddocks provides views to the rear elevations of the properties which were designed to make the most of the sun trace, with both properties capturing the sunset to the west. The development used traditional construction featuring block and monocouche render and aluminium windows. Sustainable drainage systems were included.

Contract value: £1.5m

Completion date: November 2022

Main parties involved:

Lychgate Bespoke Build

David Granger Architectural Design

Main Street and Green Lane, Wilson

submitted by David Granger Architectural Design



Five new homes were built on what was the green of the second hole at Breedon Priory Golf Centre.

The green and its approach were considered problematic in terms of the course's design and the owners chose to sell the land to reinvest into improving the club's accommodation.

The development included three dwellings designed to provide much needed starter homes for local residents.

This development created five new homes in a courtyard setting. Great emphasis was put on the character of the area with the scheme being designed to reflect the historic vernacular of the village.

The design was inspired by a former farmhouse with a courtyard of converted barns which is typical on the fringe of a village.

High quality materials and careful detailing were an integral part of the overall scheme ethos.

Contract value: £1.5m

Completion date: June 2022

Main parties involved:

Alexander Bruce Estates

David Granger Architectural Design

Talbot Street, Whitwick

submitted by David Granger Architectural Design



Seven detached dwellings were built on half a hectare of vacant land at Talbot Street, Whitwick.

The topography of the site was challenging, with the level difference between Talbot Road and the rear of the site being approximately 14 metres.

The solution was split level properties – single storey (or one and half storeys) at the front and two storey (or two and a half storeys) at the rear. Each property has tiered gardens to the rear, maximising the views.

The vacant site was very overgrown, providing an opportunity to tidy the site up and create a residential scheme which improved the situation through contemporary design.

Two of the seven new homes have three bedrooms and the other five have four bedrooms.

The development has integrated into the surrounding area through the use of quality workmanship and materials.

Contract value: £1.8m

Completion date: April 2023

Main parties involved:

Jack Loggin

David Granger Architectural Design



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Large Residential means eleven units or more.

Freemen's Common Student Village,
University of Leicester
submitted by University of Leicester



Freemen's Common Student Village has created 1,164 student rooms for various living styles and budgets. It is already the most popular accommodation option at the University.

Creating such a number of additional accommodation units has eased demand for the traditional family housing stock nearby.

The Freeman's Common scheme also includes a 555-space car park, a student reception hub and the Sir Bob Burgess Teaching and Learning Building at the head of a new square.

The development has turned this inward-facing and slightly isolated settlement into a vibrant and inclusive neighbourhood which welcomes both students and the local community.

New pedestrian and cyclist facilities within and surrounding the development reinforces the creation of a safe walkable and cyclable neighbourhood.

The seven high-rise accommodation blocks used off-site modular construction techniques to provide high thermal mass, making them highly energy efficient.

Contract value: £150m

Completion date: December 2022

Main parties involved:

University of Leicester

Equitix

Equans

Sheppard Robson

Associated Architects

Aspbury Planning

Montagu Evans

Phil Jones Associates

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Mitchian Grand Union, Leicester

submitted by Mitchian Group



Mitchian Grand Union is a high-end residential accommodation scheme of 69 one and two bedroom apartments in the Waterside development area of Leicester.

The project includes a ground floor retail unit under the five and six storey high building which is topped by a roof garden.

The development is on a significant route into the city and is alongside the Grand Union Canal plus it's within easy walking distance of Highcross and the recently renovated former Great Central Railway Station.

The project involved replacing existing Victorian buildings with a scheme designed to blend in with the character of the area and its environment.

The development is a modern take on the Victorian and early 20th Century factory aesthetic using a pared down traditional industrial design language.

Exposed building services feature throughout communal areas including a surface containment system in galvanised steel with integrated lighting and smoke detection to give an industrial feel.

Contract value: £7.6m

Completion date: December 2022

Main parties involved:

Mitchian Capital

Mitchian Construction

Hilltop Credit Partners

Paragon Building Consultancy

Knights

Benchmark Property

Staniforth Architects

Farrow Walsh Consulting

DH Consulting Engineering

BB7 Fire

PRLC

NJC Surveys

Nicholls Colton Group

Lennon Transport Planning

Salus

Leema Technologies

University of Leicester

BDA Surveying

CPMC

The Aspen, Leicester

submitted by rg+p



The Aspen is a student accommodation scheme in the heart of Leicester's university district. The development has 250 studio and ensuite clustered bedrooms in a seven storey building.

The clusters include communal living, kitchen and dining facilities.

Residents of The Aspen can enjoy a breakfast bar, study lounge, gym, games room, indoor and outdoor dining areas and a karaoke room.

The site was a former car park which had been disused for about 10 years and the new development revitalised a prime city centre location. Located in the South Highfields Conservation Area near the Grade II listed train station, it was important that the scheme integrated into its surroundings.

The newer nearby developments use brick as the principal material with a twist of contemporary detailing and this approach was echoed by The Aspen which blends with its surroundings.

Massing is broken down both with material changes and physically by recessing elements creating the appearance of Juliet balconies to the communal spaces in the cluster units.

Contract value: Undisclosed

Completion date: July 2022

Main parties involved:

CA Ventures

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An Award for a building, scheme, landmark or other construction of any size or type completed within the 18 months prior to 30 June 2023 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
- Innovation used in the project
- Budgetary considerations – e.g. funding streams accessed, public versus private funding received, etc.

Freemen's Common Student Village Masterplan, University of Leicester

submitted by University of Leicester



Creating the Freeman's Common Student Village has transformed an under-used site into a vibrant new flagship neighbourhood for teaching, working and living in.

The Freeman's Common scheme includes more than 1,100 units of student accommodation and a 555-space car park. A student reception hub has been created in the refurbished listed Freeman's Cottages. The Sir Bob Burgess Teaching and Learning Building is a key new building in the redevelopment and sits at the head of a new square. New pedestrian and cyclist facilities within and surrounding the development reinforces the creation of a safe walkable and cyclable neighbourhood.

The project sought to regenerate an under-used site adjacent to the University's main campus and provide additional student accommodation, student support and teaching facilities, and academic offices. The scheme also set out to solve the car parking problems on the main campus which were impacting on listed buildings and the quality of the public realm.

The development has turned this inward-facing and slightly isolated settlement into a vibrant and inclusive neighbourhood which welcomes both students and the local community.

Contract value: £150m

Completion date: December 2022

Main parties involved:

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Equitix
Equans
Associated Architects
Aspbury Planning
Montagu Evans
Phil Jones Associates

Couch Perry Wilkes
Arup
WSP
Plincke

Hotel Brooklyn, Leicester

submitted by Commercial Development Projects



The new Hotel Brooklyn has transformed its gateway site from a car park into a destination for guests, visitors and Leicester Tigers supporters.

Various schemes had been proposed for the triangular parcel of land which was previously home to the Granby Halls venue.

In consultation with the Tigers and the City Council, a new public realm space was created as a fan zone for rugby fans before and after matches at the adjacent stadium.

The completed hotel features 191 bedrooms which are accessible for all guests. Three rooms include a terrace with a hot tub.

One of the stand-out features is the central atrium which arches over five floors, creating an inclusive space for guests and visitors.

A bridge has been built between the hotel and the stadium enabling guests to access both buildings with ease.

Contract value: £32m

Completion date: June 2022

Main parties involved:

Commercial Development Projects

Marshall Construction

Building Management Services

Squid Group

Bespoke Hotels

St Margaret's Bus Station, Leicester

submitted by Leicester City Council



The new St Margaret's Bus Station is designed to act as a catalyst for development in a part of the city centre which once felt cut off from other key development sites.

Leicester City Council successfully bid for £10.5m from the Getting Building Fund of government money for shovel-ready infrastructure projects to help create jobs and support economic recovery.

What previously felt like a cut off part of the city centre has now been opened up, adding to the continued investment by the City Council as part of its commitment to improve connectivity.

The redevelopment of St Margaret's Bus Station has opened up the wider area to investment and development in the near future.

The modern architecture stands out within the local vicinity and sets a precedent for any future development plans. This also includes the high standard of public realm created.

There is proposed investment in the area from private developers for uses which complement the new bus station and which will change the current environment into an attractive part of the city, attracting footfall into the area.

Contract value: £14.3m

Completion date: June 2022

Main parties involved:

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- 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 projects have a contract value of £3 million or less.

70 Commercial Square, Leicester submitted by Scope Construction



A run-down former plant hire building has been converted into modern open plan offices featuring an atrium, bespoke staircase and roof deck.

The project also includes breakout and social spaces for employees and catering facilities.

The project team overcame some significant technical challenges to provide the client with modern, high quality offices futureproofed to accommodate growth, adaptation and expansion.

70 Commercial Square now has an enhanced open plan, dynamic working environment to support a collaborative working culture.

The business owners committed to the investment in a building they leased, enabling the return to use of a building that had been neglected for around 10 years and improving Commercial Square as a more attractive place to be.

Technical challenges included the installation of a link corridor to the client's existing offices.

Contract value: £1.2m

Completion date: April 2022

Main parties involved:

Scope Construction
Meater Apption Labs
MWK Architects

Ibstock House, Ibstock

submitted by SKM Design



The full refurbishment of Ibstock & Barlestone Surgeries included reworking the layout within the original footprint of the 1960s Ibstock House.

Existing spaces were repurposed for new facilities, adapting oversized consultation rooms, maximising space and modernising the surgery to meet Care Quality Commission standards.

A key feature is the front extension which houses the new entrance, reception area and waiting room with a children's play area. It also plays a role in the surgery's one-way system, turning the original entrance into the new exit.

The newly refurbished surgery's features include a minor operating theatre, separate clean and dirty utility areas, large store room for physical records and files, baby changing area and accessible toilets. A second waiting area to serve consultation rooms towards the rear of the building helps avoid congestion in the reception space. The minor rear extension provides a proper storage area for the surgery's garden equipment and an additional new office.

Landscaping to the rear of the site created additional car parking.

Contract value: £0.77m

Completion date: June 2023

Main parties involved:

Ibstock & Barlestone Surgeries

SKM Architects

Midlands Property Developers

PRP UK

Quadrant Building Control

Lutterworth Museum, Lutterworth

submitted by JMS Engineers (Midlands)
and Tim Adams Architects



A new home for Lutterworth Museum was created in the town centre, making it more visible and accessible to the public.

The opportunity was to create a bespoke building in which to exhibit the town's historical artefacts alongside space for a café and museum shop.

The L-shaped building has the museum to the left of the main entrance, with half of the space under a vaulted and glazed roof.

Exhibits include the famous Frank Whittle jet engine and a Hurricane Merlin engine.

The new Museum's main entrance was located to face directly towards Market Street to create an inviting focal point and draw people in. The entrance leads to the central foyer.

The southern end of the ground floor is another single storey element which contains the café. The café space also has a vaulted, partially glazed roof to create an open and naturally light environment.

Both the café and the Museum have glazed bi-folding doors that can be opened up to create access to an external seating area.

Contract value: £1.2m

Completion date: August 2022

Main parties involved:

Lutterworth Town Council

Tim Adams Architects

JMS Engineers

Rick Morris Builders

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Medium Non-Residential projects have a contract value in excess of £3million and no more than £10million.

**Leicester Endoscopy Decontamination Unit,
Glenfield Hospital**
submitted by Galliford Try Building



The Leicester Endoscopy Decontamination Unit at Glenfield Hospital was built to clean the endoscopes used in the city's three hospitals and other medical facilities in Leicestershire and Rutland. The demand for gastrointestinal endoscopy is expected to rise in coming years thanks to more screening for cancer and other diseases. Each endoscope needs specialist washing between uses and the new decontamination unit houses 10 sterilising units. The project for the University Hospitals Leicester NHS Trust includes a 993 square metre central processing area plus staff welfare accommodation, trolley wash rooms, storage rooms, chemical stores, offices and showers. The service had previously been delivered from a series of sub-standard satellite units scattered around the wider Leicester area, including a large mobile decontamination unit at Glenfield Hospital. The new facility has modernised the processing of the endoscopes and increased the cleaning capacity and service resilience. A team of 50 works at the unit, which can prepare up to 50,000 endoscopes per year.

Contract value: £5.6m

Completion date: January 2023

Main parties involved:

University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust

Galliford Try Building East Midlands

P+HS Architects

Rider Levett Bucknall

Sir Frederick Snow and Partners

Pick Everard

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Marlborough Drive, Fleckney

submitted by Wilten Construction



Marlborough Drive is the location of a new Regional Distribution Centre built for use by Network Rail. The design and build project was a full turnkey fit out to Network Rail's corporate guidelines.

The project included a single storey warehouse with two-storey offices attached, parking, service yards, drainage and landscaping on a site totalling 11,807 square feet.

The development incorporated sustainable drainage and ponds. Waste was minimised through design and 99 per cent of waste generated on site was recycled.

This project was the first phase of a masterplan which will see a further 40,000 square feet of lightweight industrial units constructed. The access road had to be completed during phase one's work, with the drainage and earthworks designed to optimise both phases of the scheme.

A creative approach was required due to the site's surroundings, close to local residents and businesses. Close collaboration with the local planning authorities and residents led to a development sympathetic to their needs and desired outcomes.

The external visual impact was one of the biggest challenges. Cladding colours, not usually selected for this type of construction, were carefully chosen to blend in with the surroundings and characteristics of the local area.

Contract value: £3m

Completion date: June 2023

Main parties involved:

Venture Properties

Wiltan Construction

RJA Consultants

Corporate Architecture

Jackson Purdue Lever

Assent Building Control

SportPark, Loughborough University

submitted by Gleeds and Henry Brothers



Loughborough University's SportPark was extended by adding a fourth pavilion to provide more office space for the national sporting governance bodies and other organisations based on the campus. The four storey extension added 2,180 square metres plus a new link building connected to Pavilion 3. The new addition increased SportPark's floorspace by 25 per cent to cater for future expansion and new arrivals to the campus.

SportPark Pavilion 4 was created to stimulate further demand to bring sports-related organisations and businesses to the region. Six months after completion, Pavilion 4 was already 86 per cent occupied.

The Pavilion 4 building is Loughborough University's first Passivhaus development, which meets the most challenging standards of energy efficiency and thermal comfort.

The scheme was delivered using innovative carbon-reducing technologies and design characteristics. The University can look forward to long-term energy savings in the consumption needed for heating and cooling.

Internally the building has a light and airy feel with views through to the landscape. It has a diverse range of spaces which tenants desired, including a welcome space, café, hot desking, meeting spaces, canteen and events space. The concept was a public realm open to both tenants and visitors.

Contract value: £6.5m

Completion date: February 2023

Main parties involved:

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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 materials used
- Visual impact, internally and externally
- Sympathetic environmental impact and sustainable aspects
- Innovation used in the development/scheme
- Integration into the surrounding area
- Budgetary considerations / value for money
- How well the development meets occupier needs

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Large Non-Residential projects have a contract value in excess of £10million.

Hotel Brooklyn, Leicester

submitted by Commercial Development Projects



Hotel Brooklyn was created to provide a high-quality place to stay in Leicester, right next to the Leicester Tigers' Welford Road stadium. Built on the former site of the city's Granby Halls, Hotel Brooklyn has 191 bedrooms and was designed to offer more than a standard hotel experience.

The building is linked to the Tigers ground by a footbridge and is also close to Leicester City's King Power Stadium and Leicester's two universities and the LRI hospital.

Constructed with a steel frame, the building is clad in brickwork, curtain walling and rainscreen cladding.

The Hotel Brooklyn branding builds on the first Hotel Brooklyn in Manchester. The Brooklyn theme extends to the interiors and even the cocktails.

At the hub of Hotel Brooklyn is a living/working space called The Grandstand. It's an area for watching movies, musical performance and small gatherings. The restaurant is called The Lair, with a Brooklyn-inspired menu.

Outside is a large plaza which becomes a fan zone on match days.

Contract value: £32m

Completion date: June 2022

Main parties involved:

Commercial Development Projects

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Sir Bob Burgess Teaching and Learning Centre, University of Leicester

submitted by University of Leicester



The Sir Bob Burgess Teaching and Learning Building is a key new building in the £150m redevelopment of the University of Leicester's Freeman's Common site.

The new building sits at the head of the new square, providing the main backdrop to the redevelopment at the north of the site. It is designed to provide flexible accommodation that is adaptable for changing needs.

As well as spaces for education, the Sir Bob Burgess Teaching and Learning Building contains staff offices and locations for exhibitions and events.

The Sir Bob Burgess Teaching and Learning Building contains multiple lecture theatres and teaching spaces in its 9,000 square metres of floorspace.

It features a central circulation atrium running east to west for the full length of the building. On the ground floor the spine connects into a large central reception and exhibition area.

The wider Freeman's Common scheme includes more than 1,000 units of student accommodation and a 555-space car park. A student reception hub has been created in the refurbished listed Freeman's Cottages.

Contract value: £21m

Completion date: October 2022

Main parties involved:

University of Leicester

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St Margaret's Bus Station, Leicester

submitted by Leicester City Council



The redeveloped St Margaret's Bus Station replaced the previous 1980s station and is designed to be a catalyst for more development in that part of the city centre.

It is the first net zero carbon bus station in the UK and was carefully designed with a glazed concourse to maximise natural lighting and eaves to prevent overheating. The roof of the building houses 390 photovoltaic panels.

The project retained the existing steel frame from the previous bus station, reducing the need to waste materials and saved embodied carbon.

The new St Margaret's Bus Station provides bus and coach passengers with modern facilities including more bays, a new café, modern toilets, real-time digital passenger information and space for 100 bicycles to be stored.

The new bus station is a showcase for Leicester City Council's commitment to decarbonising public buildings and improving sustainable transport options.

Along with the construction of the bus station, work was also undertaken to improve cycle and pedestrian routes around this part of the city.

Contract value: £14.3m

Completion date: June 2022

Main parties involved:

Leicester City Council

Arcadis

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An Award made for an infrastructure project of any size or type completed in the 30 months prior to 30 June 2023. This can relate to transport, highways, civil and structural engineering projects, drainage schemes, public realm works and also masterplanning. Projects must be located in the boundaries of Leicestershire and Rutland and not have previously been entered for a ProCon Award.

The project will be judged on the following criteria:

- Creative approach to the project including overcoming issues and challenges
- Design excellence
- Construction quality and materials used
- Visual impact including integration into the surrounding area
- Innovation demonstrated in the project
- Sustainable elements of the scheme including the overall environmental impact
- Demonstrate how you engaged with stakeholders throughout the project

M1 Junction 23 and A512 Improvement Scheme submitted by Leicestershire County Council



The road improvement scheme for the M1's junction 23 and the A512 was designed to relieve congestion and ensure the road network is ready for the new housing planned in Loughborough and Shepshed. The project included improvements to the motorway junction's slip roads, the remodelling of five junctions on the A512, an upgrade from single to dual carriageway and a new roundabout. Several smaller schemes were brought together to minimise disruption to road users and the local community.

The road scheme enabled the unlocking of land for a significant number of new homes and the creation of opportunities for training and employment.

The scheme continued uninterrupted during the coronavirus pandemic. Covid restrictions did not prevent more than 1,800 work experience placements happening or the showcasing of the roles and skills needed for such projects.

And the project team took advantage of the reduced volumes of traffic during lockdowns to accelerate its delivery.

Contract value: £26.5m

Completion date: June 2021

Main parties involved:

Leicestershire County Council

Morgan Sindall

Highways England

Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership

St George Street Public Realm, Leicester

submitted by Danaher & Walsh



Renovations on Leicester's St George Street have created a more attractive and people-friendly route linking the railway station and city centre with the businesses and attractions in the Cultural Quarter. The 22-week contract produced a modern and attractive gateway by installing rainwater gardens to aid drainage.

The result is a vibrant promenade composed of resin-bonded gravel walkways, newly landscaped areas and upgraded signage, street lighting and fencing.

The St George Street redevelopment focused on a series of rain gardens along the edges of the footpath, along with new trees, to provide the area with improved drainage as part of the city's sustainable urban drainage system.

The rain gardens are shallow landscaped depressions that reduce rainfall runoff and mitigate the impact of pollution by enhancing the capacity of the surface water piped drainage network.

In years to come, the city centre will benefit from large, mature, healthy trees which will provide an aesthetically pleasing, green and diverse canopy above the promenade.

Contract value: £0.85m

Completion date: September 2022

Main parties involved:

Leicester City Council

Danaher & Walsh

Pick Everard

St Margaret's Bus Station, Leicester

submitted by Leicester City Council



The new St Margaret's Bus Station was designed to be a catalyst for more development in that part of the city centre.

The new bus station is in tune with Leicester City Council's commitment to decarbonising public buildings and improving sustainable transport options and services for residents and visitors to Leicester.

Work was also completed to improve cycle and pedestrian routes around this part of the city. What previously felt like a cut off part of the city centre has now been opened up.

St Margaret's Bus Station is special as it is the first net zero carbon bus station to be built within the UK and is an exemplar scheme which hopefully provides inspiration to other cities looking to create a zero carbon transport hub.

An array of 390 photovoltaic panels generates enough clean energy to operate the building.

With features such as a striking curved aluminium roof and modern glazing, plus an enhanced public realm, the new bus station and its surrounding areas provide a much improved frontage onto the inner ring road.

Contract value: £14.3m

Completion date: June 2022

Main parties involved:

Leicester City Council

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