

BLESSED THOMAS HOLFORD CATHOLIC COLLEGE

An innovative new three-storey teaching block in Altrincham, Greater Manchester
Pre-Construction Case Study

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KEY INFORMATION:

CLIENT: **Trafford Council**

LOCATION:

Altrincham, Greater Manchester

CONSTRUCTION VALUE: **£6.5m**

CONTRACTOR: **Galliford Try**

START - FINISH DATE:

October 2020 to November 2021

SECTOR: **Education**

FORM OF CONTRACT: **PSPC**

(Public Sector Partnering Contract)

DELIVERY TYPE: **Two-Stage D&B**

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Galliford Try were appointed to deliver a new build, three-storey teaching block, including 14no. classrooms, sports hall and associated changing facilities, car park extension and external play areas. The new building has been constructed on the existing high school campus within a constrained working area. We facilitated a 100% digital planning process along with extensive public consultation with local residents.

CLIENT ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS

Early engagement and management of partners and stakeholders was critical to the development and subsequent successful completion of the College. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Galliford Try facilitated online collaborative Client Engagement Meetings (CEMs) via MS Teams, using digital models and visuals to articulate the key features and interfaces. This was supported with the pre-issue of a brochure detailing the information to be discussed, enabling the end users to track the design as it was developed and fully understand/visualise their new facility. We also engaged in collaborative negotiations with other key stakeholders such as Highways, Planning and Environmental Health.

PLANNING

Galliford Try facilitated the planning process during Covid-19 through the use of digital technology, including public consultation via e-mail and a dedicated website, enabling comments and views to be collated. This was supported with leaflet drops to in the residential area which surrounds the school.

AGREED SCOPE OF WORKS

Galliford Try held detailed negotiations with Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) to agree a scope of works within the available budget. Due to Covid-19 restrictions at the time, these were conducted via MS Teams and digital images.

AFFORDABILITY

Our open-book commercial approach enabled close collaboration between Galliford Try, the client and design team, which encouraged early risk mitigation. Key to the affordability of the project was our negotiation with the Environmental Officer to agree a ground remediation strategy that enabled an area of contaminated ground to be retained and capped on site to mitigate the expense of disposal off site, ensuring the budget was protected.

"Communication from Galliford Try to date has been excellent - both ahead of the works at pre-planning stage and during the works completed to date. Our school environment and its uses were considered ahead of and during the works, ensuring it did not interfere with our day-to-day operations. Galliford Try have a good regard for safety and kept the neighbours informed. It has been a very positive experience so far."

KATE WORSLEY | BUSINESS MANAGER | BLESSED THOMAS HOLFORD CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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