

CLIENT

Cheshire East Council

LOCATION

Knutsford

CONSTRUCTION VALUE

£750k

CONTRACTOR

F Parkinson Ltd

START - COMPLETION DATE

July 2017 - March 2018

SECTOR

Civic

FORM OF CONTRACT

NEC 3 Option C

DELIVERY TYPE

Design & Construct



The scheme is to help tell the story of food production from the late 18th century to the 1950s. Ultimately, the 'Field to Fork' project will ensure the conservation and realisation of the farm's inherent heritage to ensure its long-term sustainability and contribution to the broader Tatton Park estate and Cheshire East Council objectives.

The scheme included the opening-up of several Grade II Listed farm buildings which had been closed to the public for decades. Other buildings were re-interpreted in conjunction with the food production theme and repairs were undertaken to 28 historic farm rooms and buildings, along with the design and construction of a new multi-functional group space building.

All restoration work has been undertaken on a like-for-like basis. Traditional materials have been selected throughout and works are low-key with minimal impact on the appearance of the building or its surrounding. All new interventions are reversible, and any fixings are relatively lightweight and are sympathetic to the building's heritage. For example, slender handrails have been fixed to the exterior of some buildings to achieve DDA compliance, without detracting from the building's external appearance. Similarly, oak matching the original has been used to create the new hatchery staircase. The new build element of the project is also deliberately simple in its design and is intended to reflect the design of traditional farm buildings both in material and form. The cedar cladding on the envelope allows the building to blend into the surrounding rural environment. In addition, we sourced and re-laid cobbles at the entrance to the Mill to blend in with the existing.

This scheme was part of an overall masterplan for the Tatton Park Estate and it has acted as a catalyst for the future developments throughout the park such as the Tatton Stable yard shopping and catering areas. This project has enabled the farm to appeal to the widest variety of audiences and to further engage with the public during their visit through electronic interaction. All developments throughout the park are aimed to substantially enhance the visitor experience by increasing the attractions and activities on offer.



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