

REDROCK, STOCKPORT

New build retail and leisure development



CLIENT

Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

LOCATION

Stockport, Cheshire

CONSTRUCTION VALUE

£28.2m

CONTRACTOR

Wates Construction

START - COMPLETION DATE

April 2016 - August 2017

SECTOR

Leisure

FORM OF CONTRACT

JCT 2011

DELIVERY TYPE

Design and Build



The scheme is part of Stockport Council's Investing in Growth work that is transforming Stockport town centre - delivering a 10 screen cinema, over 38,000 sq. ft. of retail and restaurants including Zizzi and Pizza Express, a 360 space multi-storey car park with a new link to 835 parking spaces at the Merseyway Shopping Centre, plus new public squares and new urban realm enhancements to link the development with the core retail areas that will also provide the opportunity for external seating.

Working in partnership with Pulse Regeneration on the delivery of the Employment and Skills Plan - 6 Apprenticeship starts were achieved plus several apprentices that were already working towards an apprenticeship on site in the following areas: Business Administration, Quantity Surveying, Scaffolding, Glazing, Civil Engineering, Brick work, Electrical Installation and Craft Apprenticeship.

The Apprentice, Shauna Ball, has been working towards Level 3 in Business Administration, which she has successfully completed. Shauna was recruited through the local Apprenticeship Store, and has developed her skills and confidence supporting a number of construction talks and supporting the Wates construction team in the site office. Shauna has since been taken on permanently by Wates.

In partnership with Stockport Council, the 14-19 service and Apprenticeship Store, and Stockport College, the target set was 4 placements, with 11 actually achieved. Going forward, the College has asked Wates and McCrory Brickwork to be involved with helping the College to set the curriculum and choose modules for the courses to ensure that they are relevant for employers.

Further Added Value Activities

- Support for the local charity: the Wellspring Centre in Stockport is a local charity that supports the homeless and disadvantaged, providing backpacks for service users, and £10,000 of ski wear for homeless people that the Centre supports.
- Some of the Wates Construction team volunteered for the day as part of Volunteers Week in June, helping out at the Wellspring Centre in Stockport for the day.
- Paid for accredited Level 2 Emergency First Aid at Work Training for members of the staff team at the Wellspring Centre.

KEY KPI'S



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“As the Head of Learning and Employment in Stockport Council I have been really impressed with the outstanding work and response provided by Wates’ team on the Employment and Skills Plan for the Redrock development. Everyone at Wates has been totally engaged in delivering the best possible outcomes on learning and skills for the people of Stockport, and they have always gone above and beyond what we’ve asked for. They have been fantastic ambassadors for careers in construction by supporting a huge number of construction curriculum support activities – we asked for a total of 6 and they delivered 11. These activities included supporting a dragons’ den event at our apprenticeship store as well as leading a really innovative approach to producing a video promoting careers in the construction industry as a way of massively increasing the impact and reach of this activity.

Ordinarily, this type of activity would be a talk to 30 or so pupils in school. By making the video, including time lapse footage of the Redrock development being built, Wates have created a way of reaching hundreds of Stockport pupils and parents into the future to inform and inspire them about the great opportunities to work in construction and high quality businesses, like Wates.

Overall, there were a total of 72 employment and skills outputs specified for Wates to achieve in the construction project – they delivered a total of 133. This is a fantastic performance.

A key example of how good this work is can be seen in Wates employing a young woman from one of our most deprived communities as an apprentice in their business. Not only was this good for supporting the breaking down of traditional stereotypes associated with employment sectors, but the apprentice has been retained in the business after the development project was completed. This has had a huge impact locally in demonstrating how the Council’s investment in the town is bringing benefits to all communities in Stockport. I know that the Wates team have also supported the homeless community in Stockport by raising funds to provide much needed equipment in rucksacks to help homeless people stay warm and safe.

They have been a really positive force for good in our community. I have enjoyed working with the all of the team at Wates, I can’t speak highly enough of them and I would recommend them to anyone looking for a partner who upholds the highest standards and integrity for delivering additional value from construction”

Richard Mortimer, Head of Learning and Employment, Stockport Council

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