



May 2018

Southampton

Minas commences Southampton Student halls Having already undertaken preliminary work, ground preparation and excavations in readiness for the start of piling work for foundations Midas Construction is set to start main building works on a £30m student accommodation scheme in Southampton city



The Cumberland Place development has been designed by Architecture PLBT The 12-storey student halls development at Cumberland Place, close to Watts Park in the city centre, will provide 527 student beds, ground floor commercial space, a common room, management suite and ancillary buildings.

The project is due for completion in August 2019. Mike Skilton, director of Architecture PLB, who designed the 12-storey concrete framed building, said: “The building is conceived as three blocks formed around an open south-facing courtyard, fronting on to Cumberland Place and the opposite park. The three blocks are differentiated by height, elevational treatment and materials to assist the urban scale of the building. “The cool, modern design makes reference to its historic setting overlooking the city’s

listed central parks. An open colonnade to the southwest corner fronts one of the shared facilities/ retail areas and leads around the side of the courtyard to the residential entrance, at the back of the courtyard. Retail and shared facilities for the residential accommodation above, provide an active frontage to the ground floor.”

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Country
House
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**Hampshire County Council and
Devon County Council**

They are inviting expressions of interest from contractors to establish a successor framework to their existing Southern Construction Framework The SCF framework currently delivers construction capital projects to around 50 public sector clients across the south of England. Current annual spend through the framework is approximately £800m. The new SCF framework will operate for four years, starting from April 2019. Total value is estimated at £5.25bn. The contract notices say: “This opportunity would suit contractors who embrace best practice in early contractor involvement, collaborative working and two-stage open book



contracts on projects varying in size from £2m to potentially in excess of £200m.” The framework will include pre and post contract construction services for the management and development of projects. It is broken down into three regional lots – southwest, southeast and London. More information and the procurement documents can be found at in-tendhost.co.uk/hampshire.

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Kent

House-builder Berkeley Group is planning to build modular housing components in a factory in Kent.



The Smart Innovation Hub has been designed by BDP, the three-storey Smart Innovation Hub building will be built at the entrance to Keele University as part of its Science & Innovation Park.

The building will house Keele University Management School and offer incubation space alongside for new and developing businesses. A large central atrium area will connect a range of flexible spaces on the lower ground floor, the use of which will be shared between research and innovation businesses, teaching and research. Bouygues UK was selected for the single stage design and build contract through open tender. The 4,200m² Smart Innovation Hub has been designed by BDP, which is now novated to

Bouygues. In-keeping with the university's green ethos, the facility has been planned with a focus on sustainability, resulting in a BREEAM 'excellent' rating.

Completion is expected in spring 2019.

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Keller Group

International foundations specialist Keller Group has reported solid growth in 2017 despite a slowdown in the UK.



For the year to 31st December 2017 Keller Group grew pre-tax profit by 50% to £110.6m (2016: £73.9m) on turnover up 16% to £2.07bn (2016: £1.78bn). Keller executed 6,300 projects around the world in 2017 with an average project size of £300,000.

The improved financial results are largely the result of two much larger projects, both of which were substantially complete at the year-end; the Caspian project and Zayed City in Abu Dhabi. Between them, these projects accounted for around £100m of revenue and £30m of operating profit in 2017, and together account for most of the year-on-year profit increase.

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