

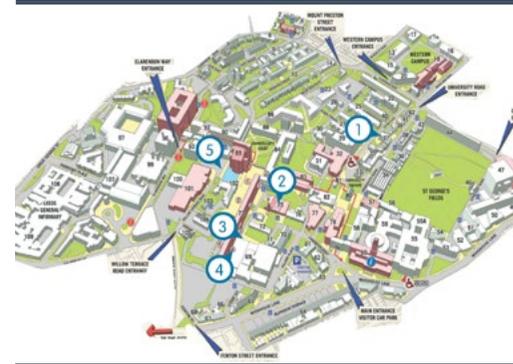
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT THE HEART OF CITY CENTRE PROJECT



Kingston Square, Hull.

Steeped in history, it is an important part of Hull which has witnessed change over the years.

Now, Kingston Square continues to undergo a major transformation as Hull New Theatre and the city's new £10 million Ron Dearing University Technical College (UTC) take shape.

The UTC will teach up to 600 students aged 14-18 and specialise in digital technology and mechatronics, with the aim of inspiring young people to become the next generation of engineers and digital technicians.

Meanwhile, the major refurbishment of Hull New Theatre will ensure the venue is in the optimum position to attract key touring productions and allow theatre-goers to enjoy world-class performances in a superb environment.

Working in partnership with Hull City Council, Sewell Construction has been appointed to deliver both schemes via the Esteem framework, with teams working hand-in-hand in Kingston Square.

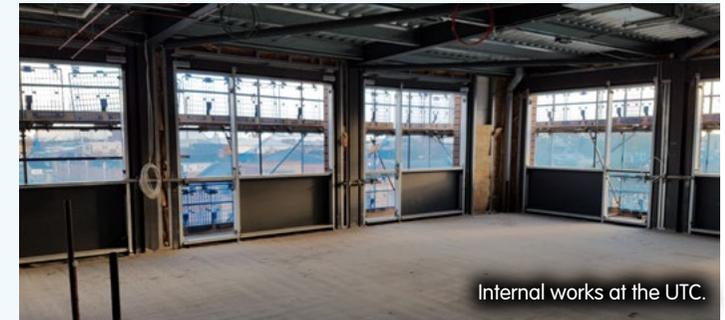
But it is the sensitive approach to community engagement and regeneration which partners are proud of, particularly as the spotlight continues to shine on Hull as the UK City of Culture 2017.

Lynn Jackson, Project Manager at Hull City Council, said: "Kingston Square is a small, tranquil and close-knit community in the heart of the city centre.

While this work is positively transforming the area, it is really important for us to work with Sewell and be good neighbours, liaising and engaging with the community every step of the way.



The two blocks of the UTC connected by the conference centre.



Internal works at the UTC.

"In partnership, we are doing everything we can to be respectful of the area as work continues and we are looking forward to completion. ☺☺"

Funded by the Education Funding Agency (EFA), the UTC is backed by Spencer Group, Siemens, RB, Smith and Nephew, KCOM and the University of Hull, and is being delivered on behalf of Hull City Council and Hull Esteem Consortium .

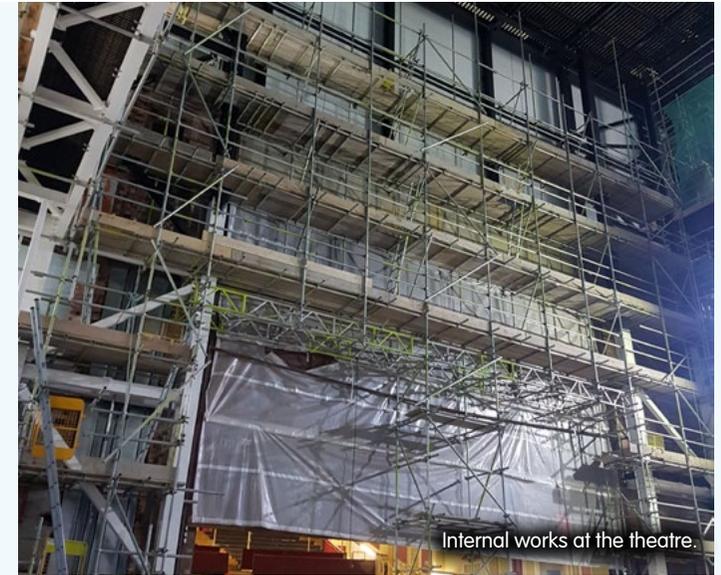
The new four-storey development is being built on the site of the former fire station offices and a car park in Hull city centre.

The building will be made up of two blocks with a conference centre spanning the two.

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The theatre regains its identity.



Internal works at the theatre.

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Currently internal walls are being installed along with external windows, cladding, and brickwork.

Next door at Hull New Theatre, restoration work to the existing 1830's building continues. All dressing rooms are now formed and the stage deck has been installed. As part of the significant refurbishment, there will also be a new front of house area.

The New Theatre improvements are possible as a result of the Hull UK City of Culture status, Hull City Council investment and funding provided in the Chancellor's Budget Announcement in March 2016.

Sewell Group Managing Director **Paul Sewell** said: "This is a major square in our home city and we have been entrusted with its sympathetic regeneration. We're a Major Partner in City of Culture and we are taking the community along with us.

"We are out there regularly, going into local residents' homes and setting events up at the local hotel; we're visible outside of the fence line.

"Our open door policy means residents approach us with any concerns or queries they have and we ensure they are considered and acted upon in the right way, which helps the local community feel listened to.

"I'm really pleased with the way it's going and we are proud to be working in partnership with the local authority. I'm also really pleased with the way our construction team has embraced the City of Culture spirit, with site tours, communicating through their newsletters and setting industry standards with community communication and engagement.

"We have to leave an economic legacy and we hope we can leave ours in businesses, jobs and capturing wealth, leaving the business community better than we found it and keeping the pound local."

Sewell Project Manager **Mark Boothby** said the complexities of working across two sites simultaneously has been a challenge but one which has been met from the outset.

He said: "Due to the significant amount of work being carried out in such close proximity, we have to ensure we have the best possible plan for safely coordinating the activity.

"This means that although people have responsibilities for areas, we encourage team communications across both projects, from the way in which the office is set up in an open plan way and seating arrangements, through to regular meetings, huddles and coordination catch-ups.

"Each project is very different with a completely different type of end user, with the UTC being an education facility with very logical engineering type minds involved with the project, whilst the theatre has a mix of technical back stage minds and very creative people who are responsible for coordinating and performing the shows.

"Each project is also very high profile for different reasons, attracting a lot of attention from visitors. We've had around 40 tours and visits over and above the usual weekly client attendance on both projects."

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FURTHER CEMENTS COMPANY'S PRESENCE IN WEST YORKSHIRE

A company which delivers world-leading technologies and products to enhance people's lives is investing in a brand new centre of excellence for its factory and office staff in Leeds.

Steeper Group is a commercial business specialising in the fields of prosthetics, orthotics and assistive technology.

Its Leeds base was flooded at Christmas in 2015 and, although work continued, new premises have been found to bring more than 200 staff together under one roof, complementing and supporting the work of the company's dedicated centres across the country in a multi-million investment.

Sewell Construction has been appointed to complete the new headquarters in a 21-week programme, which runs until July.

Work includes fitting out the existing shell of the building, which is located at Intermezzo Drive, close to the M1, alongside creating a manufacturing and customer services area.

A sample room has also been created to enable Steeper teams to choose which materials work best for them.

Paul Steeper, Chief Executive Officer at the company, said: "

Our centre of excellence will allow us to gather all staff in one attractive location by consolidating all existing business functions, improve efficiency between manufacturing and office operations, and ultimately deliver the highest levels of service to customers across our orthotic, prosthetic and assistive technology business areas.

"For over 25 years, we have had a strong holding in Leeds, something which we are proud of and intend to continue with.

"The new site offers a flexible and open space that will effectively accommodate our requirements for all group manufacturing and administrative functions.

"Throughout the process, we have and will continue to work closely with Leeds City Council.

"We are delighted to thank the council and the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for financially supporting this move with grant assistance, as they recognise the significant impact our work has on the wider community in Leeds and nationwide."

Sewell has already completed projects for various clients in the West Yorkshire area, including the University of Leeds, Leeds City College and Leeds Beckett University.

After being recommended for creating Steeper Group's centre of excellence through G&H Building Services, the Sewell team created tailored options to offer best value and a solution which worked best for the business.

Sewell Construction Development Manager **Josh Donnelly** said:

"Right from the start, we worked with the project team to develop the costs and designs together, all done in an open book way to achieve the best possible outcome for Steeper Group.



CGI image of the centre of excellence.



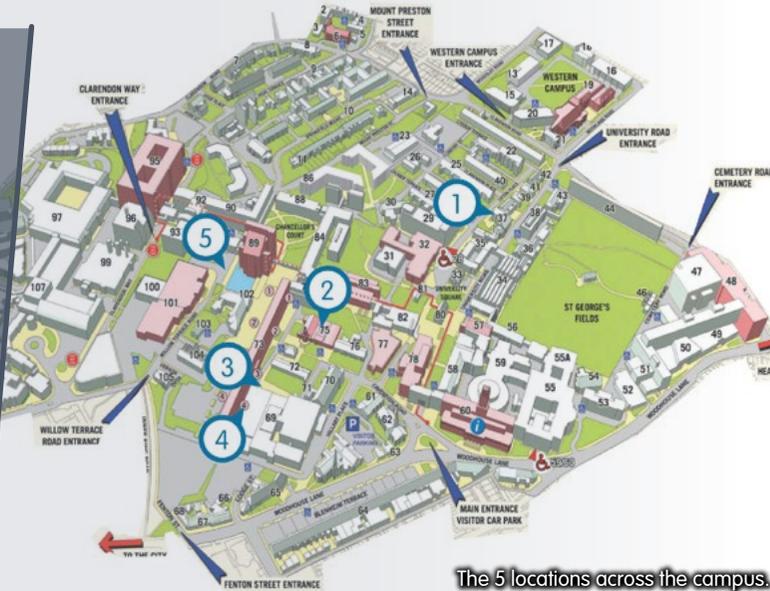
Danny Walker and Josh Donnelly on site.

"That meant we achieved an early start on site and reached the most efficient use of Steeper's budget.

"The whole team working on this project is locally-based in Leeds and invested in its success, and the scheme is progressing well. It's fantastic to see a company like Steeper investing in the area and it shows great commitment to the city.

"We're delighted to be working with Steeper on this fantastic project."

MULTIPLE PROJECT MANAGEMENT ACROSS BUSTLING UNIVERSITY CAMPUS



The 5 locations across the campus.



The Fine Arts building at the University of Leeds

Work across multiple locations are underway at the University of Leeds, enabling the creation of a School of Earth and Environment tailored to meet the needs of its students and staff.

The £1.9 million project, which began in March and will be completed in October, will see the team refurbish a number of education and administration facilities across five locations in the city centre campus, enabling the end users to move into modern, purpose-built facilities.

The University's central post room and paper and copy room will be relocated and the IT cluster will be refurbished. It comes after the Sewell team turned the old geography building to a new School of Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies.

The existing four-storey geography building was transformed into a state-of-the-art facility for fine arts students in a 13-month £4.3million project.

Mark Dodgson, Project Manager at Sewell Construction, said complexities of working across various site locations is a challenge but one which the team is rising to.

He said: "All work is taking place in busy, operational environments in the heart of the campus, so regular staff and student communication is paramount.

"Working across multiple site locations on campus is complex and we are constantly mindful of managing each area to ensure minimal disruption and completion of each stage on time.

"We're delighted to be working on behalf of the University of Leeds again, building on our already strong and positive relationship."

The University of Leeds is one of the largest higher education institutions in the UK, enrolling over 32,000 students in 2015/16.

Paul Cook, Strategic Programme Manager in the Capital Development Team at the University of Leeds, said:

“It's good to be working with Sewell once again, so soon after their successful completion of the Fine Arts project last summer.

"They are currently on site with a suite of enabling works for a larger project that consists of five smaller projects scattered around the university campus, which logistically present their own challenges.

"Once the enabling works are complete, they create the void in the Staff Centre building that will allow further refurbishment for the School of the Earth and Environment. This supports the school's plan to grow its undergraduate offer.

POSITIVE NOISES BRING LEARNING TO LIFE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL YOUNGSTERS



Progress on the extension at the school.

Staff and pupils at a North Yorkshire Primary School have been given the chance to see how their new extension is progressing in a series of tours and the children even created their own 'rap' from noises heard on the construction site.

Pupils at Athelstan Community Primary School have been involved in the project journey from the very beginning, utilising each stage of the project as a learning experience.

The pupils were asked to listen to the noises they could hear, such as hammering or digging, and create words and poems before presenting a book of their work to the Sewell Construction team.

The 60-week programme will see the school double in size due to housing developments in the surrounding area. Once the children move into the new extension at the start of the new school year, refurbishment of the existing building will take place.

Headteacher **Karen O'Donnell** said: "They have tried to create words that make the sounds they can hear.

They have used the 'sound words' they created to put into a rap. It's about making the most of our environment and our environment at the moment is working alongside Sewell.

"Although Sewell always aim to keep noise to a minimum, we've made it a fun noise now. We can all see the school progressing and you don't have to visualise it from plans these days because you can see it. We can't wait to see it finished."

Sue Thompson, Business Manager at the School added:

"Sewell Construction has been very helpful and it is lovely to include the children in the progress of the project," she said. "It is their school and for them to see the progress was very exciting."

"The staff have found it positive because they can only see how it affects us during the construction period. When you can see what it will bring to us as a school in September, it shows it in a very different light. We know what the vision is and we are very excited."



School Council members have also recently signed the steelwork on the site, leaving a lasting legacy for years to come. Year five pupil **Jonathan Eldridge** said:

"Signing the steel means I am part of this school forever."

This is the first project Sewell Construction has been involved with through North Yorkshire County Council as the business continues to grow across the Yorkshire region.

Paul Armitage, Sewell Construction Site Manager, said: "We are hosting regular tours of the site for staff and pupils. Both teachers and pupils have had the opportunity to walk around the construction site, asking questions and seeing the developments first hand.

"Progress is good, the scaffolders have completed the first floor level scaffolding, allowing the bricklaying subcontractor to continue their progress. Partitioning is also complete."

FLEXIBLE BUILDING ALLOWS DESIGN CHANGES TO MEET SERVICE NEEDS



Bransholme Health Centre, developed by Sewell.

Following Sewell's development of Bransholme Health Centre in 2014, a new 24 hour urgent care centre is being added, adapting the building to suit future service needs,

Services will be available 24 hours per day, seven days per week, supporting wider NHS plans to transform urgent and emergency care services.

The facility integrates the current minor injuries service with out-of-hours GP services and will provide access to X-ray from July, as well as other diagnostic services.

Sewell Construction has worked in partnership with Citycare and local NHS organisations to deliver the scheme, reconfiguring the ground floor. Changes have been made to the current internal layout to facilitate the centre, which will offer fast and convenient treatment for people with minor injuries.

Existing consultation rooms have also been transformed for the main X-ray suite. In addition, there are changing facilities for patients, a waiting room and a screening room.

Toni Yel, NHS Hull Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Lead for Urgent Care, said:

“Bransholme Health Centre is a modern, purpose-built health facility offering ample ground floor clinical space and capacity for 24-hour, seven-day services and X-ray facilities in the community.

“The centre is well-used with good transport, parking and access. It is able to treat anyone with minor injuries or illnesses who needs urgent attention, but is not serious enough to require an accident and emergency visit.”



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Tim Wigglesworth, Chief Operations Officer at Citycare, said the health centres were always designed to be flexible investment buildings which can easily adapt to service changes.

He said: “It’s about creating space which is sufficiently flexible, can very easily cater for changes from a service provider point of view and be easily adapted.

“The original design ethos around the buildings was along those lines and the buildings continue to respond to support changes in health services.

“The principles we are applying to Bransholme may well be reflected in some of the other health centre buildings as time moves on.”



CGI of the scheme at the former school.



Steelworks progresses at the ICC.

Work is underway on a £9 million Integrated Care Centre (ICC), bringing together services to provide tailored care for the elderly and reduce unnecessary hospital admissions.

The ICC, which will be on the site of the former David Lister School in East Hull, will primarily treat elderly patients with long term health conditions, who have been identified by their GP as being at risk of hospital admission.

Patients will be assessed, have a comprehensive integrated care plan and a care coordinator appointed on the same day.

For the first time, physio and occupational therapists, voluntary organisations and Humberside Fire and Rescue Service, which will support the rehabilitation and recovery of patients, will be based in one place. Foundations for the building have been completed and steel work began on April 10.

Derek Nickolds, Sewell Construction Project Manager for the ICC, said: "We are proud to be involved in such a pioneering scheme in the city.

"As the site is in the heart of a residential area, we are working with local health and care services to engage with local people and make sure they are regularly involved and kept up to date with the progress of the scheme.

"The Integrated Care Centre will be a great addition to the city and we're proud to support the NHS in tackling issues with unnecessary hospital admissions."

NHS Hull Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is commissioning this pioneering new approach to service delivery.

CCG Director of Integrated Commissioning [Erica Daley](#) said:

☞ This is a truly transformational approach to developing a new service model linked to innovative capital development.

"The Hull ICC is designed to create an alternative to hospital care, with the majority of care provided in and around peoples own homes, and health and social care coordinated around individual needs. ☞☞

Following extensive public consultation and the green light from planners, Citycare appointed Sewell Construction and Sewell Facilities Management to build and maintain the purpose built facility, following an OJEU compliant market test.

Independent Chair of Citycare [Charles Lewis](#) said partners have collaborated to develop the best value scheme for the NHS.

"I'm proud of how our partnership and team have managed to bring forward this innovative project despite the current cost challenges in the public sector," he said.

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“Together we’ve designed a flexible building to combine all services under one roof. The scheme is larger than originally envisaged but will still be delivered significantly under the affordability cap, with every cost challenged to ensure best value for our partners.

“The building will incorporate market-leading design and new technology to make sure we continue to deliver best value once the building is operational. This will include sensors that will monitor how the building is being used so we can support its full utilisation throughout its life.”

Due to open in 2018, the Integrated Care Centre is the first NHS development scheme to get the green light in the region since the announcement of the Humber, Coast and Vale STP vision for out of hospital care.

The project will also support partners in the city to improve health by facilitating different public services, including health services, the council and emergency services to work closely together. It will be open seven days per week.

DRAX CONTRACT EXTENDED



Harry Robinson and Mick Hemmingbrough.

Sewell Construction has secured an extended three-year contract with the largest generator of renewable energy in the UK, Drax Power Ltd.

Drax is Europe’s single largest decarbonisation programme and the six unit coal and biomass power station, located near Selby, supplies seven to eight per cent of the UK’s energy.

Sewell has been on site for two years, carrying out core civils and ongoing maintenance work, with a team of up to 12.

Graeme Farrow, Quantity Surveyor at Sewell Construction, said: “Drax is an international firm which requires a responsive, multi-disciplined maintenance and construction partner to carry out a range of day works across the site.

“We are delighted to have secured this extended contract with Drax and they have shown faith in us by committing to a further three years. Work will continue to vary on site and will include reactive maintenance work alongside minor projects.

“Going forward, the team is committed to improving service delivery to ensure they remain on site beyond the 2020 contract extension.”

Civils and building repair work carried out to date includes a wide scope of activity, from joinery, plumbing and decoration, to road repairs and cooling tower refurbishments. In addition to the core works, structural repair works have been carried out on a regular basis.

Sewell Site Manager **Harry Robinson** has been based at Drax for almost 14 years and has been part of the Sewell team for two years.

He said: “It was a seamless move coming across to Sewell and it’s been fantastic. The client has that permanent familiar face on site, which is really important for them. It’s a very busy site and it’s vital to have a team they can call on here all the time.”

HULL SCHOOL TO DOUBLE IN SIZE



Public consultations have taken place over plans to extend Kingswood Parks Primary School in north Hull.

The extension to increase capacity from 350 to 630 pupils, all aged three to 11, is needed due to an increase in housing in the area.

Sewell Construction built the original school which opened in 2014 and is working with partners Hull City Council, via the Esteem framework, to develop the design and construction programme for the extension. Sewell Facilities Management, which looks after and maintains the school has also been integral in the design and development.

The planning application has been submitted and, if it is given the go-ahead, the scheme will comprise of a new build extension and remodelling of the existing school, with work starting in May and completion in November 2018.

Two public consultations were held in February for parents and local residents, providing the opportunity to view and ask questions about the plans, and their comments have helped to shape the application.

Sean Henderson, Director at Sewell Construction, said: "The planning submission has gone in and we have entered into an early works agreement with Hull City Council. We will begin enabling works and installing modular classrooms so remodelling can take place in other areas of the site from May 15th.

"If planning permission is granted, the plan is to start the new extension at the beginning of the summer holidays in July over a 42 week period. Following this, we will complete a hall extension over a further 24 weeks, taking us to a mid-November 2018 completion date.



Proposed plans for the school extension.

"Alongside open dialogue with the school and the local authority, we have consulted with local residents and businesses to ensure disruption will be kept to a minimum, as we are going back into a completed housing estate and there are shops adjacent to the school.

"We have completed some delicate consultations regarding timings of deliveries and how we operate to reduce the impact on residents and businesses. As we built the school, we have that detailed knowledge of the building and the original contractors will be brought back in, so they know the site too.

"We hope to reach financial close by early July, so we are developing the final designs in readiness for that."



STUDENT RESIDENCES 'TRANSFORMATIONAL' FOR THE CAMPUS

The student residences catering for 560 students.



One of the accommodations kitchens.



The completed Staff House kitchen area.

It is among the UK's top 10 universities for graduate employability and one of Britain's finest teaching universities.

With more than 16,000 students and about 2,500 employees, the University of Hull continues to grow.

Sewell Construction has worked on various projects on the university's Cottingham Road campus in Hull, including the £30 million student residences development for 560 students.

In addition, the team refurbished the kitchen area within Staff House, which is an integral part of the university campus and is constantly used for internal and external events and functions.

This included industrial catering equipment, roofing works, flooring, new drainage and staff welfare facilities, and the work was completed in a live environment.

Highlighting the diversity of construction across the campus, a third scheme to refurbish a chemistry laboratory has recently been completed following a range of work including new furniture, fume cupboards and fans in a 14-week programme.

Mark Mullaney, Assistant Director of Campus and Accommodation Services at the University of Hull, said he was delighted with the Staff House refurbishment. He said:

“We found the Sewell team to be extremely professional in their approach to the work and their work ethic. They surpassed our expectations in their approach to both the project and ourselves as the client.”

Martin Standley, Sewell Construction Project Manager for the student residences scheme, said: “When you look around the development now, it's magnificent in terms of the structure and construction achievement.”

“It's even better that six months after handover, we haven't got any defects coming through and that's testament to our hard work and effort during the building process, and remaining resolute for quality at handover.”

“The project is something to be proud of and there is no doubt it is a massive upgrade. Students have snapped the places up.”

Chris Paget, Director of Estates at the University of Hull, said:

“The introduction of the new student residences on the Hull site has been transformational for the campus. The residences have been incredibly well received by the students.”

“Working with Sewell and the partnership during the project, particularly the trust and commitment to quality and communication, has been second to none. It has been a real boom for the university.”



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