

CASE STUDY

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Imperial College, Southside

Client: Laing O'Rourke
Sector: Supply and Fix Joinery Package
Budget: £965,000
Duration: 32 weeks
Project specifications:

The contract was to supply and fix: Door sets and ironmongery to student accommodation units. Architraves and skirting to all areas. Timber door sets to all common areas (warden flats, kitchens, communal bathrooms and disabled toilets). On ground floor, (consisting of student social space, medical centre, and dental centre), door sets and ironmongery. M J Hillson Limited also constructed MDF window reveal to concrete at all window openings to the project. This included all MDF to be scribed and fitted to suit all window openings as per the architect's detailed drawings. Ground floor consisted of MDF, spray painted panelling, fixed to walls of areas at staircases All door sets for this project were manufactured in China.

Conclusions:

There was some confusion due to the works being carried out on seven floor levels and split into three locations. Also, the works commenced at a very fast pace. This demanded the constant monitoring of standards and quality. Problems at design stage with door schedules, meant that doors were not able to go into production until they were resolved. This caused problems regarding the lead-time required for manufacture in China. However, the work was completed to meet all deadlines and to a high standard. Labour was also at constant levels to maintain programme dates.



“Hillsons were very proactive. Their willingness to start early on site, ensured other trades followed suit. We worked closely together to ensure completion of the Southside building. I look forward to working with them on the Eastside project.”

Rob Cooper, Construction Manager, Laing O'Rourke

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