Essex Police Custody and Offices

Public Sector / New Build and Refurbishment

Key Features:

- New offices, staff facilities and holding cells
- 'Live' Police Station
- Environmental innovations resulted in an award-winning project

The project comprised a new build extension and full refurbishment of the operational Police Station. The existing custody suite was demolished, making way for a new extension to the main building, housing a much needed 30 cell custody suite. This extension totalled approximately 3,370m^2.

Our scope of works included:

- New mezzanine floor areas
- Refurbishment of offices, meeting rooms, reception and public areas
- New mechanical, electrical and fire alarm services
- Construction of new kitchen, WCs, changing areas and locker rooms
- Creation of 30 new cells together with a further 50 associated rooms

Multi-phased to ensure continued use of the Police Station

To ensure the operation of the Station was not adversely effected, the works were undertaken in three phases. Therefore, coordination was key to ensure safety and segregation remained robust as the works progressed to different areas of the site. Upon completion of each phase of the works, our Contract Manager liaised with the Essex Police team to ensure that the normal operation of the Police Station was not interrupted in any way.

Working within a 'live' Police Station

The site, an operational Police Station, posed a significant challenge. Moreover, the adjacent Council building and Magistrates Court were further sensitive stakeholders to mitigate for. On notable measure was the application of strict noise restrictions. Noise levels were not to exceed 75dB and vigilant monitoring was in progress throughout the works, in particular during the groundworks activities.

An award winning project

This project won the prestigious 'Public Sector Energy & Sustainability Award 2016', as a result of the design we effectively delivered on site.

Client:	Essex Police
Project Value:	£8,400,000
Programme Duration:	60 weeks
Architect:	Ingleton Wood
Quantity Surveyor:	Low & Low