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Education



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Education

Our track record in securing successful planning and development outcomes in the education sector is second to none.

Our specialists have a unique set of skills to overcome the challenges faced by the education sector. We use our expertise to present the best possible planning case to meet educational requirements through deliverable schemes.

We have experience of working on state schools, independent schools, universities and colleges as well as student accommodation.

Education services

OPPORTUNITIES

- Site finding and appraisals
- Masterplanning
- Estate strategies and visioning
- Plan-led site promotion

ASSESSMENTS

- Education capacity
- Student bed spaces
- Townscape and visual impact
- Daylight and sunlight
- Environmental impact

APPLICATIONS

- Planning
- Heritage
- Reserved matters
- Consultation and engagement

IMPACT AND DELIVERY

- Appeals and inquiries
- Expert witness
- Discharge of conditions
- Scheme variations



Award winning development of an innovative and unique learning and enterprise campus

The Barony Campus

The Barony Campus is an innovative and unique learning and enterprise campus in the Broomfield area of Cumnock. The £68m project consolidates five schools into one campus, creating a centre for education for the towns of Cumnock and neighbouring Auchinleck in East Ayrshire.

The campus took home Project of the Year in the School Quality category at the Education Estates Awards.

Client
East Ayrshire Council

Services used
Planning
Development Consulting



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Lichfields' knowledge, advice and guidance was invaluable to the Council securing a positive outcome.

Alistair Kidd, East Ayrshire Council

Growth and transformation of a historic campus

Brighton College



© Brighton College

We have assisted Brighton College to grow and transform its historic campus with a number of award-winning new buildings providing 12,000m² of new floorspace.

This includes New House, its girls' boarding house, which was nominated for the Stirling Prize. The completion of Sir Thomas Graham Jackson's original plans of the college with Cairns Tower. The Music and Sarah Abraham Recital Hall, the Kai Yong Yeoh Building housing a Creative Learning Centre and state of the art media suite, and the School of Science and Sport.

Client
Brighton College

Services used
Planning
Heritage
Consultation



Lichfields has assisted the college over the years to deliver a number of award-winning buildings on our historic campus. They approach each project with sensitivity and professionalism.

Stephen Patten, Projects Director,
Brighton College

Award-winning campuses, student accommodation and sports facilities

Kingston University



© Dennis Gilbert

Lichfields has provided planning and heritage advice to Kingston University in connection with its four academic campuses, student accommodation sites and sports facilities.

The Town House, designed by Dublin based architects Grafton, won the 2021 Stirling Prize and the EU Prize for Contemporary Architecture – Mies van der Rohe Award, the highest accolade in European architecture. The refurbishment and extension to the School of Art's Mill Street Building also won the 2021 BREEAM Award for the best Public Sector Project - Post Construction.

Client

Kingston University

Services used

Planning
Heritage
Consultation
Graphic Design
Research
Law & Policy
Land Promotion
Townscape & Visual Impact



Kingston University Town House is a theatre for life – a warehouse of ideas. It seamlessly brings together student and town communities, creating a progressive new model for higher education, well deserving of international acclaim and attention.

Lord Norman Foster,
Speaking on behalf of the
2021 RIBA Stirling Prize jury

Innovative re-use and refurbishment of LSE's latest landmark project

35 Lincoln's Inn Fields



© David Chipperfield Architects

Responding to the need for innovation in development, LSE's latest landmark building project at 35 Lincoln's Inn Fields, represents a new approach to sustainable development.

The scheme proposes between 50% and 70% of materials to be retained, re-used or recycled further targeting zero waste going to landfill, achieving upfront embodied carbon emissions and bettering the GLA aspirational target and emissions captured from exemplar new builds.

Client

London School of Economics and Political Science

Services used

Planning
Heritage
Townscape & Visual Impact



The reuse of existing buildings can be seen not as an obligation but as a commitment to a more resourceful and responsible approach to our future, based on intelligent use of existing material and cultural capital.

David Chipperfield

A new urban quarter that is an exemplar in sustainability

Newcastle Helix



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The flagship Newcastle Helix development lies on a prominent 10 hectare regeneration site in the heart of the city centre.

This mixed-use development has created a new urban quarter for the city by attracting leading scientific organisations and a community of research and development, education, business, residential and leisure occupiers.

Client
ING on behalf of University of Newcastle, Newcastle City Council and One North East

Services used
Planning
Consultation
Economics
Environmental Assessments
Townscape & Visual Impact

Northumbria Health and Care Academy

Client: Assura plc

A groundbreaking new facility forming part of the wider Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital estate in Cramlington. The 8,000 m² development will feature a training centre of excellence as well as conference facilities, office space and a GP practice.

The new facility is a key part of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust's strategy to support the career development of its staff.



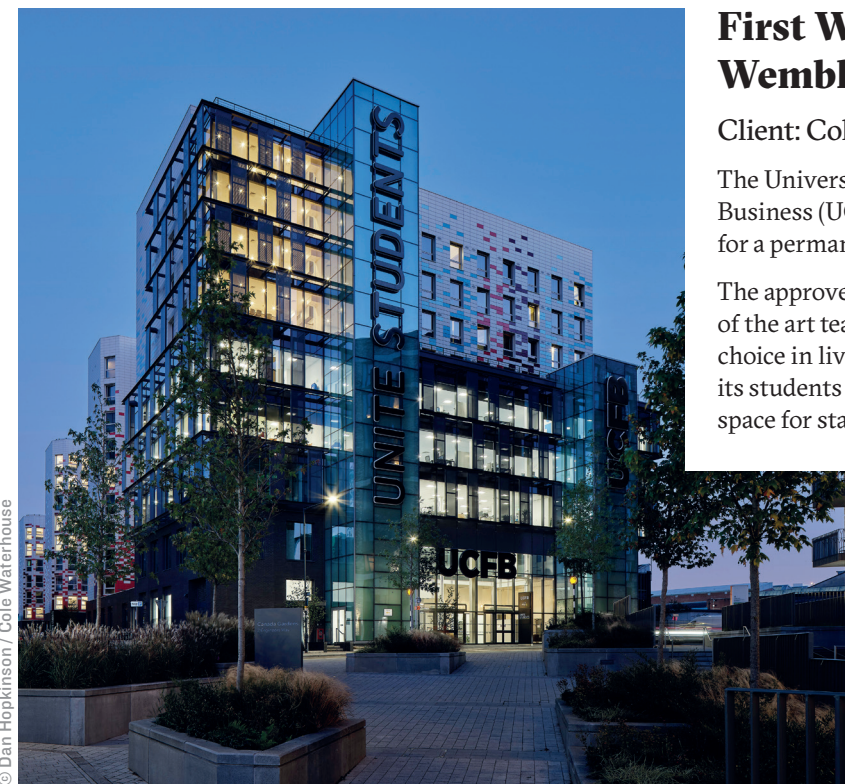
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First Way Campus, Wembley

Client: Cole Waterhouse

The University College of Football Business (UCFB) identified the need for a permanent university campus.

The approved scheme includes state of the art teaching facilities, a flexible choice in living accommodation for its students and additional business space for start-ups.



© Dan Hopkinson / Cole Waterhouse

Pulteney Road, Bath

Client: Student Castle, now Singapore Press Holdings

This former school site was redeveloped to provide 183 purpose built studio apartments for students, on this sensitive site. Our specialist team undertook a Heritage, Townscape and Visual Impact Assessment to help demonstrate that the scheme was in keeping with the World Heritage Site designation.



Addington Valley Academy

Client: London Brough of Croydon & Kier Construction

Addington Valley Academy is a new SEN school that will cater for 150 students aged 2 to 19. Lichfields led the consultation process and successfully made the case for the new school, including the loss of playing fields and the impact on the Green Belt.



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Mulberry Academy London Dock

Client: London Borough of Tower Hamlets

The London Dock Secondary School is located within a prominent plot in the London Dock Masterplan site, home to the former News International print works.

The school will support the ongoing regeneration of the London Dock area and provide a contemporary new education facility that sits alongside historic warehouse buildings to the east. The school will be operated by the Mulberry Academy and will accommodate up to 1,200 students - six forms of entry plus a sixth form college.



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Mariner Street, Swansea

Client: Varsity Projects Ltd

A 21 storey, 750 bedroom student accommodation on a prime site in Swansea city centre. Lichfields provided planning, heritage, townscape & visual impact, and EIA services to ensure a successful outcome at planning committee.



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Whitley Bay High School

Client: BAM Construction Ltd

Lichfields has assisted BAM Construction in bringing forward seven new schools across the North East, including the redevelopment of Whitley Bay High School, as part of the Department for Education's School Rebuilding Programme.

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Lambeth College, Nine Elms Campus

Client: South Bank Colleges

Lichfields has advised the college for many years on rationalising all three of its London Campuses (Brixton, Clapham and Vauxhall). At the Vauxhall site, Lichfields secured permission for a mixed use development including a new college facility, with associated parking, servicing and landscape and three additional academic buildings.

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New College Doncaster

Client: BAM Construction Ltd

Within a sustainable location, serving a wide catchment area, the sixth form college provides outstanding academic and vocational learning and opportunities for 1,200 young people in Doncaster.

Working closely with the Education Funding Authority, Lichfields delivered the decision on time within a 16 weeks period, crucial for the college's September opening.

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Cardiff Metropolitan University

Client: Cardiff Metropolitan University

Lichfields is retained by Cardiff Met to provide planning and heritage advice on various improvements to their Llandaff and Cyncoed Campuses.

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