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NEW STUDENT ACCOMMODATION SCHEME SET TO OPEN IN SEPTEMBER



Focus Consultants are undertaking multiple roles at a student accommodation scheme being built on the site of the former Dagfa School in Beeston, Nottingham.

The former independent school in Broadgate, which was based round the 18th Century house, closed in 2016 and is being developed by Cassidy Group Nottingham Ltd. The scheme started on site last Summer and is set to complete on schedule in August ready for the start of the 2019 academic year.

Focus Consultants are acting as quantity surveyor and employer's agent on the project to create three new student accommodation blocks which will provide 217 student beds. Being constructed by J Tomlinson Ltd, the accommodation is a mix of 12-bed townhouses and cluster flats.

Focus, is also the project manager, quantity surveyor and principal designer for the conversion and refurbishment of the Grade II Dagfa House into 19 student studios.

Senior project manager at Focus, Joanne Hardwicke, said: "The site of the former Dagfa School is on the doorstep of the University of Nottingham campus and Beeston town centre, and this scheme will provide fantastic new student accommodation"

"Focus Consultants works on developments across the East Midlands and the UK, in many sectors, but it is very pleasing to be involved in a scheme such as this in our home city."

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FOCUS CONSULTANTS DELIVERS SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES TO ASSIST TOWARDS A CARBON NEUTRAL NOTTINGHAM



Sustainability experts at Focus Consultants have welcomed Nottingham's decision to aim to become the first carbon neutral city in the UK by 2028.

Focus, has provided professional support and expertise on sustainability issues on many new-build projects in Nottingham, including the recently opened five-storey building at the Confetti Institute of Creative Technologies at Nottingham Trent University's Creative Quarter Campus and the main site of the Confetti Institute.

Focus is also part of the team that is delivering 250 energy efficient homes at Trent Basin, which has set the bar for community energy schemes with the installation of Europe's largest community battery, and solar photovoltaics that will generate, store and distribute energy at a neighbourhood level, and launch a unique energy company for residents.

Partner at Focus, Jason Redfearn, who heads the firm's sustainability team, said: "It's great through the projects we work on to be supporting Nottingham City Council in their aim for carbon neutrality by 2028. This is following their recent announcement that the city has met its carbon reduction target two years ahead of schedule"

Focus, offers a range of energy and sustainability services for clients covering all aspects of a project from conception, design, construction stages through to completion testing.

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MUSEUM RE-DEVELOPMENT APPOINTMENT FOR FOCUS CONSULTANTS



Focus Consultants has been appointed to project manage the transformation of a Cambridgeshire museum after supporting the museum's successful bid for a National Lottery grant.

Focus provided Ely Museum with project management and business planning support during the development phase, which led to the recent news that the museum had been awarded a £1.66 million National Lottery grant.

Now the Nottingham-based office has been retained to provide project management services for the delivery stage of the *Unlocking the Potential of the Old Gaol: Ely Museum Redevelopment Project*.

Focus associate Mike Lee said: "This is a fascinating project at Ely Museum and Focus Consultants is delighted to have been able to share our expertise and help the museum secure a £1.66 million National Lottery grant".

"We are now looking forward to making the plans become reality. The scheme will rejuvenate the museum – creating a fantastic destination for local people and visitors to the area."

Focus has worked with many national, regional and local museums and attractions across the UK, including St Fagans National Museum of History in Wales, The V&A, The National Army Museum, MShed in Bristol and Brooklands Museum in Surrey.

Alongside The National Lottery Heritage Fund grant, Ely Museum has received support from a number of local and national trusts and foundations, East Cambridgeshire District Council, City of Ely Council, and donations from local people, which means that the ambitious £2.2 million project will now go ahead, beginning in 2019.

The project aims to transform the museum over the next two years and to work more closely with local communities. The museum will become a heritage hub for locals and tourists, introducing them to the history of the area. New galleries, a series of events and exhibitions and improved visitor facilities will create an exciting destination for local families, schools and visitors to the museum, while resources and trails will encourage people to explore the district further.

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FOCUS CONSULTANTS COMPLETES £54 MILLION MASTERPLAN PROJECT AT DEVONSHIRE PARK EASTBOURNE

Focus Consultants were appointed in 2014 to provide project management, contract administration and CDM coordinator services for the 5-year redevelopment of Devonshire Park in Eastbourne.

Focus Consultants, procured through the Fusion21 framework – a social enterprise that promotes public procurement to save money and create social outcomes, also undertook an economic impact analysis of the development in support of a successful SELEP bid.

The ambitious plans for the development included:

- New state of the art conference centre and restaurant/café facilities
- Restoration of three listed buildings including the Congress Theatre and Winter Garden
- New tennis players facilities and show courts to enrich the home of the Eastbourne International tournament
- Distinct park entrance, new improved public spaces and the building of a new Welcome Centre.

Partner, Eleanor Clarke said: “It’s been a privilege to work with the team at Eastbourne Borough Council to shape and scope this major development project”



Keith Butler, Partner

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FOCUS CONSULTANTS COMPLETE ROLE IN FIRE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT LINCOLN HOSPITAL

A £1.4m programme of fire safety improvement work in which Focus Consultants undertook the building surveying, design and contract administrator responsibilities has been completed on a ward at Lincoln County Hospital.

The third floor Branston Ward (gynaecology) at Lincoln County Hospital has just undergone a major refurbishment, as part of United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust’s (ULHT) ongoing fire safety upgrades.

The 18-bed ward has benefited from new ceilings, flooring and patient bathrooms, in addition to a full set of new fire doors and new lighting throughout.

The third-floor revamp is part of an extensive programme of work at Lincoln to update and improve the entire maternity wing.

Now the building surveying team at Focus Consultants is undertaking a similar role as improvement and refurbishment work gets under way on the ground floor antenatal and community midwife offices at the hospital. The company is also due to be involved when improvements are made to the second floor in due course.

Keith Butler, partner at Focus Consultants, said: “Focus Consultants has wide experience of working on sensitive sites, such as hospitals, where it is crucial for day-to-day services to continue operating”



A STAR IS BORN.....



Operations Manager Sonja Green how let her creative side show in a performance of *The Addams Family a New Musical Comedy* at Leicester's Little Theatre.

In support of *Alex's Wish – Conquering Duchenne*, the LOPs society supported this muscular dystrophy charity by going gothic. With a metamorphic character to play and tough vocals to navigate, it was quite a challenge: far from the sedate Mrs. Pearce in last year's *My Fair Lady*.

WE ARE HIRING!!



Quantity Surveyor – London, Waterloo: Our growing London Office needs a new client-focused Senior Quantity Surveyor, with excellent prospects for progression. At Focus we believe in our people and have a first-class track record of supporting training and career development. This is an exciting opportunity for a high calibre individual to join and strengthen our Quantity Surveying team.

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FOCUS STAFF NEWS

NEW STARTERS

Focus has welcomed a host of new faces in recent months....



Sarah Coombs



Marie Young



Cherena Green

- **Sarah Coombs** has joined the London Office as an Administrator / Office Manager.
- **Marie Young** has joined the Nottingham Office as Accounts Administrator
- **Cherena Green** has joined the Nottingham Office as Administration Support.

EVIE WALKS ALL OVER CANCER!



Well Done to Evie Osbon from our London Office, who raised a whopping £320.00 for Cancer Research UK with 'Walk All Over Cancer'. For the whole of March, Evie had to walk 10,000 steps a day, and the 3rd week in March to 20,000 steps a day!! Evie also held a charity bake sale, and raised £54.71. Well done Evie!

If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please visit

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/evie-walks-all-over-cancer-23>

FUNDRAISER FOR STONEBRIDGE CITY FARM

Staff at Focus raised £135.40 for Stonebridge City Farm, Nottingham throughout April. Focus raised money with various Easter activities/ events including a rather scrumptious bake sale! The Focus Partners kindly matched the amount that was raised, this has brought the total to £270.80.

Thank you to everyone that donated and took part. All proceeds will go to Stonebridge City Farm to help the running of this safe and peaceful haven amongst the city.

The farm was started by local residents nearly 40 years ago, and it offers a safe and peaceful haven, opportunities to learn about animal husbandry, horticulture, catering and the environment.

<http://www.stonebridgcityfarm.com/>

