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The City Academy,
Hackney

Client

City of London

Location

Homerton, London

Services Provided

Planning
Historic Buildings

Date of Completion

June 2008

Key Issues

Re-use of education site

Close proximity to historic buildings

Limited site area

Public highway across site



On behalf of the City of London, CgMs Consulting provided planning and historic buildings advice on the redevelopment of the Former Homerton College of Technology in Homerton, East London, to provide a new Academy as part of Hackney Learning Trust's programme of school improvement. The Academy will accommodate 900, 11 - 16 year olds as well as 240 students within a sixth form.

This work involved detailed pre-application discussions with the Local Planning Authority as well as public consultation, followed by the preparation and submission of a planning application for redevelopment of the site.

Planning permission was granted by the London Borough of Hackney in January 2008. The academy is currently under construction with a scheduled opening date of September 2009.

CgMs provided the planning consultancy input into the partnering process, providing planning advice where required to the client and the other project sponsors which included KPMG, the Hackney Learning Trust and the Department for Children Schools and Families.

The limited site area and its close proximity to historic buildings, including a Grade II* Listed National Trust property, Sutton House, required careful consideration of the impact of the new Academy building in the local context. An existing public highway also crosses the site which required careful consideration in the design process.

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