



HAYDON BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



Client: Northumberland County Council
Project Value: £4.5 million

Project Details: The refurbishment of Haydon Bridge High School comprised the reinvigoration of an existing 1960s school to create a modern campus.

Reorganisation of the facilities was required to ensure operation of the facility became more efficient. This began on entry to the grounds extending to internal movements within the grounds and buildings. Due to the rural catchment area, the school relied heavily on buses and cars. The existing drop off and parking facilities relied on reverse gear movements and vehicle manoeuvres within the school grounds, creating conflict between pupils and motor vehicles.

Congestion on the surrounding roads due to queuing buses was also identified as a concern. A new car parking and one-way bus drop off area was created with wide pedestrian boulevard. This allowed all vehicles to access the grounds at peak times but negated the need for vehicles to enter the school. As a consequence, external spaces were freed and allocated for the provision of external social spaces. Reorganisation of the internal layouts allowed a new sixth form area and vocational training centre to be created. Thermal efficiency was improved by refreshing the external facades while also improving the building aesthetics. Community use and engagement was improved with the provision of new MUGAs which along with the vocational centre were made accessible to the community outside of school hours.

