

PROJECT PROFILE

Client: Alumno Group

Location: West Yorkshire

Sectors: Residential, retail, employment, sports and leisure

Services: Transport Planning, Infrastructure Design

Project overview: Transport planning and infrastructure design advice helped to deliver much-needed student accommodation in Leeds and spark a new wave of regeneration in the district.

Added value:

- Improves walking access to teaching establishments
- Contributes to regeneration of wider district
- Offers new amenities for community and cultural use

Whitelock Street, Leeds

A project to build student flats was completed in time for the start of the autumn term, helping to meet the needs of Leeds' growing university population. The purpose-built student accommodation was developed by Alumno with support from Motion. All 411 units were fully occupied from the first day of operation.

The redeveloped site at Whitelock Street has since sparked a new wave of regeneration in the Sheepscar district. Motion provided highways advice, transport planning and infrastructure design support including for the associated Section 278 works. The company designed a new access and a widened footway across private land.

Resolving differences in levels across the site, tree positioning and adoption, dealing with public utilities and traffic regulation orders were just some of the project challenges overcome by the team.

The development provides a gym, cinema, communal areas and ground-floor space for retail, commercial and community uses. Studios to support the emerging local arts scene are also offered. A tree-lined, landscaped courtyard replacing an old footpath, and a roof-top garden complete the scheme. Named after the iconic British abstract artist who taught in Leeds, the Terry Frost building celebrates the area's vibrant cultural and arts heritage, with locally commissioned artworks on display in the public areas.



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