

News Update February 2010



Just in case you haven't seen the press recently, this is what GB Building Solutions have been up to recently:

- We have been appointed as subcontractor to Aspire Defence on Project Allenby/Connaught, which will run until 2015, to deliver new build and refurbished accommodation for UK based soldiers and those returning from operations. We have started work on our first project at Bulford and are currently working on five tenders for future work across Aldershot and Salisbury Plain Barracks.
- We have just started on site in Bramley, Basingstoke – building a £4.6m, 70 bedroom Care Home for Barchester Healthcare. This scheme was negotiated over a very tight timescale at the end of last year to achieve Barchester's start on site date. This will be the third project we have built for Barchester.
- Plans to redevelop the stunning Great Northern Hotel, Kings Cross are taking shape. Comprising of 94 luxury bedrooms, we are working in partnership with MACE to restore the building and develop a new boutique experience in hotel accommodation. The scheme is due for completion in time for London 2012 Games.
- We have received 5 'Built in Quality' awards for our Extra Care villages in Cheshire. The £65m complex of five projects, completed Autumn 2009, was procured under a PFI agreement and was designed by PRP Architects
- At our £16m Leisure Centre scheme being built for London Borough of Hillingdon, we are moving into 'Countdown to Completion' mode. Due for completion in the Spring, the complex includes a 25m swimming pool, championship gymnastics hall and a range of sustainability features such as Solar Thermal Panels and Rainwater Harvesting.
- We have also been appointed, in a Joint Venture with Balfour Beatty, as construction partner to build a £30.5m student village for Bradford University. Being designed and built to BREEAM Outstanding, we hope it will be the first multi residential scheme in the UK to reach this target. Completion on site is due August 2011
- We are well underway with our £14.5m scheme to build a 100 apartment retirement village in Stoke for Staffordshire Housing Association. The scheme is expected to be the catalyst for the regeneration of Stoke and is due for completion early 2011
- Planning permission has been received to build a new 244 bed upmarket hotel in the centre of Leeds on a site identified by our specialist JV Company, Oxford GB. We are due to start work on site imminently with the Hotel targeted for opening early 2012
- There are less than 12 months to go on our £46m mental health facility being built for St Andrews Healthcare in Northampton. The imposing, stone clad building is being billed as 'The UK's biggest classically styled new build for half a century'. The facility includes 132 en-suite bedrooms, centred around a courtyard and indoor swimming pool.
- And finally – work has just started on the £3.5m new extension to Atkinson House SEN School in Northumberland. The new building will provide class rooms, multi purpose hall and vocational teaching spaces. This project forms part of our year Framework with Northumberland County Council which is running until 2012.