



References

Dudley College, Dudley

Uponor involvement

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TABS

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The Advance II project is part of a transformation programme at Dudley College and the fifth new teaching facility to be constructed as part of the 'Dudley Learning Quarter' campus development.

Project Facts:	
Location Dudley, United Kingdom	Completion 2017
Building Type Sports facilities	
Website	Project Type
/Country specific/UK/Images/Projects/Dudle College	New building y

Partners

Client Dudley College Contractor Bowman and Kirkland M&E contractor Derry Building Services Architects Metz Architect – James Blood & Joe Marlow

The £12 million scheme is a teaching centre for advanced construction methods and technologies. It is the first UK project to be built using the IPI (integrated project insurance) procurement and delivery model, which put collaboration at the heart of the design and construction process. The brief was to create a building that is as operationally efficient as possible for the available budget, using forward-focused technologies that complement its purpose as a centre of learning for tomorrow's construction professionals.

Uponor's Involvement

Uponor worked closely with the project team and the college's estates team to ensure that the TABS (Thermally Active Building System) was embedded in the design and the BIM level 2 model. The Uponor team arranged a site visit to the TABS installation at Manchester Metropolitan University to demonstrate the benefits of the technology.

Thermal modelling data was used to estimate the heating and cooling requirements for the 3,500m2 building to ensure correct specification and the TABS system has been specified to complement the highly insulated building envelope, with external weather stations controlling the TABS via actuators.

The Benefits

The Uponor TABS installation has enabled all heating, cooling and domestic hot water to be powered by just two domestic boilers (with a third for standby) and avoided the need for any additional heating, air conditioning or mechanical ventilation. By working with the efficient building envelope, the system delivers an ambient indoor temperature all year round with minor adjustments of +/- 4-5 degrees, and weather station controls provide a true, fit and forget, maintenance free solution.

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