

Developing a flexible masterplan on behalf of nine stakeholders

CLIENT

West Hertfordshire Hospitals, NHS Trust

LPA

Watford Borough Council

STATUS

Under construction

SERVICES

Planning, Heritage and Townscape

Our role

- A hybrid outline planning application was submitted on behalf of nine stakeholders including Watford Borough Council, West Hertfordshire NHS Trust, EEDA and Hertfordshire Prosperity.
- In order to secure client objectives we developed and advocated a compelling planning strategy for the site which has successfully guided the project from inception to construction and will continue to do so over the 15-20 year delivery programme.
- Engaging with the local planning authority, statutory bodies and local and national interest groups as part of an agreed consultation strategy that included design workshops and open exhibitions.
- The scheme to deliver a new hospital, homes, employment space, community facilities and open space was supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment.
- Advice was provided on the development of a flexible masterplan that
 included the preparation of development parameters and principles to allow
 detailed proposals to be developed on a zone-by-zone basis as they come
 forward. The detailed component of the permission allowed the early

implementation of the road infrastructure required to facilitate the area wide regeneration.

 The work included the co-ordination of the professional project team which included architects, transport consultants, environmental consultants, a public affairs team, and engineers.

Results

• Planning committee resolved to grant permission in May 2008.

