



Land Registry: Computer Services Building, Plymouth

THE TASK

Schal provided the project management, design and site control services for the Land Registry's new Computer Services Building at Plymouth. The new building replaced existing offices at Burrington Way, Plymouth, which were too small and functionally obsolete for Land Registry requirements.

The development consists of a three-storey office building for 500 staff, linked single storey reception building, linked staff facilities building including a restaurant and a separate single storey creche building with play areas. There are also separate buildings housing the services, parking spaces for 300 cars, roads and landscaping for hard and soft areas.

The buildings vary in height with dark grey slate roofing and the elevations are in light colour brick with tinted glass and coloured metal frame windows, curtain walling and link corridors. The office building is arranged around an internal courtyard and the elevations have horizontal appearance emphasised by the functional sun-shading louvres. A four-storey high lift tower with a Land Registry logo forms a feature of the development identifying the main entrance to the building.

The site is seven acres in area and has a prominent location in Plymouth. A sympathetically designed high quality hard and soft landscape on the site softens the impact of car parking areas and enhances the appearance of the new buildings. The development is also designed to enhance the character of the surrounding area as a whole and is a local landmark at the road junction of the main entrance to the International Business Park, Plymouth.

The project was handed over on time and to budget 24 November 2004.

ENVIRONMENT

Schal were engaged in driving design improvements to achieve a BREEAM "Excellent" rating.

PROJECT PROFILE



CLIENT

Land Registry

PROJECT VALUE

£13m

SERVICES

- Project management
- Design and site control

TYPE

New Build

START DATE

November 2002

COMPLETION DATE

November 2004

ARCHITECTS

TPS