Project Case Study

SECB1401 Sir Ernst Chain L2 Refurbishment for Dept of Life Sciences

Project Brief:

This project for the Department of Life Sciences, located on Level Two of the Sir Ernst Chain building, was delivered as two distinct phases.

Phase 1 consisted of refurbishment works to make better use of available space within the south side of Level 2, separation of Laboratory and Write-up space and general improvements to the working environment. Works included:

- Creation of an open plan write-up office space for 12 people.
- A new glazed entrance door set into Laboratory 216 to create separate write-up and laboratory space.
- General decoration works in the laboratory, along with ancillary laboratories and offices.
- Improvement of lux levels of existing laboratory lighting with appropriate energy efficient fittings.
- Installation of new public health facilities in the Tissue Culture laboratory.

Phase 2 developed the Student Services Centre in Rooms 201, 201a, 201b and 202, to house the entire student administrative function of the Department and act as a one stop shop for all student support. A key objective was to allow more natural daylight into the central administrative areas. The works for this phase included:

- Refurbishment of existing administration support offices in rooms 201 and 201B
- Conversion of the Microscope room 202 into a newly formed administrative office.
- Installation of glazed partitions and glazed entrance door of room 201A, in place of the existing pigeon holes, serving hatch and door.

For further information on the Department of Life Sciences, refer to their webpages: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/life-sciences

Project Review

“Phase 1 successfully delivered an open plan write-up office and the physical separation of write-up offices and Laboratories on safety and best practice grounds. Much needed improvements to the working environments in Laboratories and ancillary laboratories and offices were also successfully achieved.

Phase 2 successfully delivered a high quality Student Services Centre (SSC) incorporating glazed partitions allowing natural daylight to the space and the adjacent areas. The SSC now houses the entire student administrative function of the department, and act as a one stop shop for all student support. This includes Undergraduate Student Liaison officer, the taught Postgraduate and Undergraduate Administrative teams, together with the PhD and Doctoral Training Centre administrator.”

Doug Hudson, Faculty of Natural Sciences

Project Facts:

- Project Manager: Mortimer Isaacs
- Senior Supplier: Rob Pask, Imperial College Estates Projects
- Project Cost: £2.6m
- Stage A to Stage L Duration: March 2014—September 2014

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