

Willmott Dixon contracted for £6.5m interior fit-out project in Perry Barr

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Willmott Dixon has been awarded a £6.5m interior fit-out of a high-profile Birmingham scheme.

The contract is for 428 apartments on the Perry Barr Residential Scheme run by Birmingham City Council, through the Constructing West Midlands framework.

It is a new-build scheme in collaboration with Lendlease creating 428 one-and-two-bedroom apartments. Plots eight nine, designed by Corstorphine & Wright, are set to be occupied from 2023.

The interior fit-out includes installation of amenities and decoration across all apartments and common areas. This will see Willmott Dixon invest heavily in the local community. Over £2 million will be spent with local SMEs, and the equivalent of £3 million will be invested in local communities through social value activities, such as improving employability for local people, running enrichment programmes with local schools, and providing work experience opportunities.

Since construction works started on plots eight and nine in January 2020, the company has created 139 job opportunities, 34 apprenticeships, and spent £20 million with local businesses within 10 miles of the site, as well delivering 322 weeks of work experience and more than 1,250 hours of time being volunteered by staff.

Dan Doyle, Operations Director at Willmott Dixon, said: “We’ve developed a fantastic working relationship with the Birmingham City Council team over the course of the project and delivered not only two brilliant buildings, but a tangible social value and community-led legacy for the local area.

“We’re particularly proud of the 139 jobs and 34 apprenticeship roles we have created since 2020. We’ve

had someone not in education, employment, or training (NEET), join us for work experience and she impressed the team so much that she applied for our management trainee programme and is now a trainee assistant build manager. We've also had our general operative join us via the government Kick Start programme."