

CASE STUDY

HODGE CLOUGH JUNIOR SCHOOL, OLDHAM

Ground-breaking partnership programme delivers award-winning roofing project



The roofing industry's first ever public sector partnership deal led by a roofing system manufacturer was appointed to Permanite Engineered Roofing Systems by Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council in 2003.

Permanite Engineered Roofing Systems was named principal partner, with St Helen's based Fulwood Roofing Services as sub-partner. The ground-breaking, four-year deal for high performance flat roofing renewal work at schools and other public buildings is estimated at £1.6 million.

The aim of this new partnership arrangement, set up under the New Engineering Contract, is to improve quality while reducing project costs and procurement timescales and follows the principles of Sir John Egan's report, *Rethinking Construction*. The partnership continues to be a resounding success for all parties involved, with the response from the end users being particularly positive.

As Craig Smith, Technical Sales Director at Permanite Engineered Roofing Systems explains; "This partnership arrangement is a much more efficient system and will avoid the summer bottlenecks that so often beset construction work in schools when huge volumes of work create massive pressure points and inflated prices.

"Because we have a proven track record with Fulwood Roofing Systems and understand the corporate objectives of Oldham MBC, we can plan and design work at a very early stage and spread the

Project Sector: Education
System: Built-up system
Products Used: Superflex FireBLOC
Contractor: Fulwood Roofing Systems
Size: 1610m²
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workload more evenly to ensure true value for money is achieved."

One of the roofs within the scheme, Hodge Clough School in Oldham, had fallen into a dilapidated state of disrepair and was in great need of replacement. Council building surveyors came up with the appropriate specification and project managed the scheme to completion. The majority of the much-needed work took place at the school over the 2003 summer holidays in order to minimise disruption to the teaching programme, a major consideration for roofing works at schools, colleges and universities.

Thanks to the complicated detailing achieved by Permanite Engineered Roofing Systems, the Hodge Clough School roofing renovation scooped a top industry accolade, winning the title of 'Refurbishment – Best Project over 1,000m²' at the fifth annual Flat Roofing Alliance (FRA) National BUR Awards 2005. Judges cited the project as an "excellent example of good project planning and attention to programming and safety issues".

