

Case Profile AEC Sector

Natural History Museum



Natural History Museum, Darwin Centre Phase 2



Contract Information

Start	June 2006
Value	£71 million
Duration	42 months

Collaboration Statistics

Total Uploads	44,341
Total Downloads	324,723
Organisations	140
Users	590
Drawings	12,067
Documents	8,317
Photos	353
Discussions	8,491
Markups	3,272
Binders	83
Statistics Date	January 2008

Project Details:

The Natural History Museum began construction work on the second phase of the Darwin Centre in June 2006. The first phase was opened to the public in September 2002.

In order to complete the second phase, funds and equity were raised from various individuals, trusts, charities and organisations such as GlaxoSmithKline.

Europe wide construction company HBG Construction were selected from a long list of potential contractors to complete the £71million building that is set to be one of London's most recognised buildings, along with Danish architects CF Moller.

The scheme comprises of a unique sprayed concrete cocoon shaped structure, in a glass box. The distinctive building will be the home to the world's largest collection of plants and insects, with over 28million insects and 6million plants. It will provide a constant temperature of 170°C that is necessary to protect the historical insects and plants.

The 8 floor building boasts a state-of-the-art laboratory for up to 250 scientists, lecture rooms, presentation area and a UK Biodiversity Resource room.

The 180,000 sq ft building will be positioned on the west side of the Natural History Museum, linking the 1st phase of The Darwin Centre to

The Museum Gardens and The Historic Waterhouse Building.

The second phase of the Darwin Centre is planned to be open to the public by the end of 2009.



Extranet Details:

The Natural History Museum is using the solution for the storage of all project documentation and drawings. There are a huge number of different organisations involved in the project at different stages. Currently over 44,000 items have been uploaded, from almost 600 users from 140 different organisations.

The Natural History Museum selected 4Projects® due to the number of advantages that the solution offers. Alongside the systems ease of use the most crucial benefit was the cost savings realised throughout the project. Raising funds through donations means that the delivery of the project on budget is vital.

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