

Re-Development of Farnborough Royal Aircraft Establishment (RAE)



SEGRO plc's impressive IQ Farnborough project includes the £20m restoration and renovation of some of the most important buildings in British aviation history. The former RAE is famed for being the location of many important aeronautical innovations. Samuel Cody flew the first powered, controlled aircraft flight here in 1908, and the Royal Flying Corps (predecessor of the Royal Air Force) was also founded here in 1912.

As the site contains two Grade 1 listed buildings and three other listed buildings, SEGRO worked very closely with English Heritage, Save Britain's Heritage and Farnborough Air Sciences Trust.

The Architects - Julian Harrap Associates - developed the plans for the demolition of two of the listed buildings in order to extract the structural components of the original airship hangar, which is the oldest of only three pre-1918 hangars that survive in Britain. This 70ft high, 250ft long structure was then re-erected using archive material, raised on pre-cast concrete plinths and spectacularly lit to provide an historic and cultural landmark known as The Square.

The Hub, formerly the Weapons Testing Building, stands at the heart of the site, and now houses a heritage and management centre, café-bar, meeting rooms, offices and a children's nursery.

BCAL Consulting are delighted to have been chosen to provide CDM Co-ordinator services during the project, which received a BCO Regional and National Award.

