

**CLIENT**

Renishaw PLC

**PROJECT NAME**

New Mills

**LOCATION**

Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire

**SOLUTIONS IN PLANNING FOR**

Renishaw's corporate headquarters

**the problem**

Renishaw PLC is a market leader in the development and manufacturing of a comprehensive range of highly accurate probes, accessories, measuring systems and other innovative products which have significantly advanced the frontiers of knowledge in measurement technology and quality assurance for the manufacturing industry throughout the world.

Renishaw's corporate headquarters is based in Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, where the Chairman, David McMurtry converted an old woollen mill (New Mills Complex) to accommodate his new enterprise. Since the company began in 1973, it has experienced significant growth. In 1993, Hunter Page Planning was instructed to analyse the company's future growth and provide for an expansion of the New Mills complex in situ. The development of the New Mills site proved to be difficult due to its remote countryside location, outside the urban fabric of the main town, Wotton-under-Edge. However, expansion was essential, to ensure the continued prosperity of the company and to maintain and foster new employment within Stroud District.

**the solution**

Hunter Page Planning with Architects Robert's Gardner therefore developed a masterplan of new buildings to provide the company with 20,000m<sup>2</sup> of new B1, B2 and B8 floorspace that would allow for the significant growth of the research and development division of the company as well as the manufacturing of new products.

Significant negotiations were undertaken with the local community and the District Council in order to ensure that a sustainable form of development was achieved to secure the company's growth up to 2011.

**the problem**

In June 2000 outline planning permission was received for the expansion of the New Mills site. The development was phased to provide the following:-

Phase 1: Outline application for the entire site and the construction of the new access and estate road to the site.

Phase 2: The development of two new buildings of 4,645m<sup>2</sup> and 5,574m<sup>2</sup> for the Renishaw Transducer Systems Division and Assembly Plant, the development of a central lake and associated landscaping and car parking.

Phase 3: The development of two further buildings comprising 4,645m<sup>2</sup> and 3,716m<sup>2</sup> for research, design and manufacture to accommodate the company's additional growth requirements up to 2011.

It is anticipated that the expansion of the New Mills site will increase their workforce by 900 new staff, in addition to the 900 staff who are employed at the New Mills site.

Detailed planning permission for Phase 2 of the development has also been received (reference: S.00/1747, dated 13/03/2001 Building J). However, the original buildings suggested have now been changed. Where previously we proposed buildings comprising 4,645m<sup>2</sup> and 5,574m<sup>2</sup>, we have now amalgamated this into a single building comprising of 9,887m<sup>2</sup>.

A Reserved matters application has also been submitted and approved in relation to the construction of and Building K (S.03/1118).

These permissions have consequently been implemented and are extant.

Expansion of the company has therefore been secured to accommodate the company's growth up to 2011.

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