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View from the East



View from the South



View from the West

ARCHITECTURAL IMAGES OF RESEARCH BUILDING UNVEILED

Architectural images of the proposed new research centre at The University of Hull have recently been revealed ahead of preparatory work which is scheduled to commence next month.

The £3.6m new Allam Building, designed by Wilson Mason and Partners, will house progressive medical research into cancer and heart disease. The research centre has been made possible by a £1.5m donation to the University from benefactor and Hull City owner Assem Allam who said: "Seeing the designs has really brought the building to life and I'm very pleased to see how well it integrates into the University campus."

The Allam Building possesses a striking three-storey curving wall which creates a physical link between the existing biological and chemistry buildings on the Cottingham Road campus. The facility possesses three levels and provides space for 50 researchers.

The design approach provides a contemporary and adaptable solution which acknowledges the project's context. The Allam Building is designed to provide a different aesthetic compared to that of the surroundings, this accentuates the facility and promotes a different quality, which intrinsically reflects the significant nature of the research housed within.

The 1600m² (GIA) building has been separated into two elements in order to group together areas of similar servicing and daylight requirements: The laboratory element of the building provides the laboratory spaces and associated specialist space and the office area housing write up space for the building users. The laboratory element is designed to be more solid in order to minimize solar gain, whilst the office element requires good access to daylight and natural ventilation and features more glazing. The two elements relate to each other through similar levels of simplicity with the differing use of materials. Brick and ceramic rainscreen to create its own identity through contemporary design and use of the materials found on the campus.

The high impact building will create an important step change in the Universities research capability. The building has been designed to accommodate two research centres, one focusing on cardiovascular and metabolic research and the other on cancer. Collaboration and integrated research between the two new facilities will ensure that innovate developments can be translated to patients quickly and efficiently. Prof John Greenman states, "Communication is crucial. It is very much that the sum of the parts is greater than individual efforts."

Alan Williams from Wilson Mason states, 'Collaborative working with the Users has been key to creating a successful and innovative research environment which actively promotes integrative working between the two research centres'.

Construction is due to start on site in the autumn of this year and completion is scheduled for July 2012.

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