



HMP Littlehey Young Offenders Institute Site Visit

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'Incredible!' That was the opinion of the 25 Members and guests that visited HMP Littlehey Young Offenders Institute on 30 September 2009.

This is a rapid-build facility being constructed by Wates Construction Ltd, as part of their prison framework with the Ministry of Justice. It is a complete prison, with a construction value of £62m, being constructed in approximately 43 weeks and being built within the existing prison's sport field, completely segregated from the existing prison.

Construction of the 14 buildings is mainly pre-fabricated modular construction, with Britspace, Premier/Waco and Terrapin providing buildings to the site. The modular facilities consist of 4 'super A9' house blocks with a total of 480 cells, from two suppliers, an education and multi-faith building with 23 classrooms, a segregation unit with 12 cells, Healthcare and Reception building and Administration building. The traditional buildings being an Energy Centre, Sports Hall, a 520-person kitchen, 10 workshops and the Horticulture building.

The current turnover is in excess for £1.6m per week with 450 people working on site each 12 hour day. Following on from delays with archaeologists this will now complete on 29 January 2010 with the first prisoners expected early February!

Thanks were given to Malcolm Mitton MCIOB and the members of his team who kindly assisted in guiding members around the site and also to Wates Construction Ltd for kindly sponsoring the event.

The meeting also witnessed the presentation to Gary Shaw of his Certificate of Distinction in Construction Technology, Experienced Practitioner Assessed (EPA) Programme. Gary, coincidentally works for Wates and is a site manager on the Littlehey project.

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