

Appendix 8: Skills Capital Programme update

Braintree STEM Innovation Centre

Good progress is being made in line with programme. RIBA Stage 2 designs were signed off by the College earlier this month and RIBA Stage 3 designs are now being finalised ahead of a planning application (minor application) submission during week commencing 06 June 2016. Invitations to tender have been sent to six contractors and four contractors have confirmed they will be submitting a bid for the reconfiguration works that are due to commence in early October. Contractor interviews will take place on Monday 06 June. The College anticipates handover prior to the end of March 2017 in accordance with the grant agreement. There are no issues or concerns to report at this time.

Harlow College

The build is currently well under way and the structure now fully up. Because of the additional asbestos finds and time taken to clear the site, the programme is now slightly behind target, with a planned completion and handover date of 23rd December, as opposed to the 9th December originally forecast. No further delays are foreseen. In addition to the build progressing well, internal design, workshop layouts and specialist machine positioning are being finalised.

Hadlow College Ashford Campus

Programme:

The new build programme is progressing well with enabling, remediation, piling, drainage, services, substructures and superstructures works generally in line with the contract programme. Currently one or two weeks behind programme on superstructures but BAM Construction Ltd have confirmed that they will recover this lost time and finish in line with the contract programme being February 2017.

Quality:

The quality is being monitored weekly by the team and is generally in accordance with the appropriate quality standards. The Designers are novated but have a duty to ensure quality is managed through the construction process.

Cost:

Though there have been numerous cost increases due to recent TPI, there have been compensating value engineering savings and the budget is still as the bid documents albeit the project cost is currently a little over budget. This will be continuously reviewed to consider what further savings can be effected.

Sussex Downs

Construction is due to begin end of June/beginning of July.