



THE Awards 2019 – Outstanding Estates Strategy

Institution/Nominee	De Montfort University Leicester
Title	De Montfort University's campus transformation
Key personnel	Umesh Desai, Director of Estates & Facilities
Submission	<p>With De Montfort University Leicester (DMU) being an inner-city campus surrounded by public highways, the estates strategy focused on a number of key principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting to the city centre • Creating high-quality public realm squares/spaces • Constructing new iconic buildings that inspire • Refurbishing key vacant landmark buildings <p>The £62 million Vijay Patel Building consisted of refurbishment and new build to create a landmark building at the heart of campus, achieving a BREEAM Excellent rating.</p> <p>Mill Lane pedestrianisation created a £2 million public space with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A greener campus • A sustainable environment • Minimised conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists • The route of choice between the city centre, DMU and the West End <p>Our £4 million refurbishment of the Grade I listed Great Castle Hall gave an unused landmark a new lease of life through careful restoration.</p> <p>The successful delivery of this contributed to DMU recruiting its highest-ever cohort in September 2017, with 5,700 new students.</p>