

Sheraton Park

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BANKSProperty
development with care

LOCATION:

About one mile west of Durham City centre

SIZE:

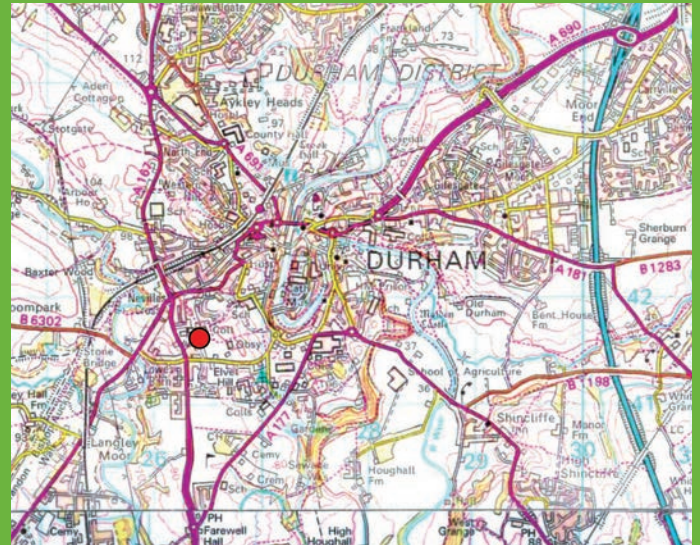
10 hectares / 25 acres

SITE STATUS:

Complete

LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY:

Durham County Council



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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This was flagship re-development of a further education college. The project involved the demolition and clearance of redundant buildings, the refurbishment and conversion of two historic and grandiose buildings and the planning and building of high end homes in the grounds.

Banks Property received planning permission for its plan for high quality residential development in Q4 2006. The land and buildings were then sold to Avant Homes (then known as Bett Homes), Barratt plc and Crosby Homes, who built out a number of high quality homes on the site. Crosby Homes then sold on their part of the site to Alumno Student Accommodation who are developing new student accommodation on the site for Durham University

HISTORY

The site was formerly used as a further education college specialising in teacher training. The college buildings were situated in mature and extensive grounds

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

There is local construction employment opportunities throughout the construction phases

SOCIAL BENEFITS

As well as much needed housing this project brought historic buildings up to date allow the public access to new open spaces

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

These included the creation of new public open spaces, the planting of new trees and the creation of many new footpaths throughout the site. As part of gaining planning permission, Banks Property also secured a licence in 2005 to remove bats from part of one of the buildings on the site and created a "bat wall" – this was a freestanding wall to be available for bat habitation. See: <http://democracy.durham.gov.uk/documents/s47253/Sheraton%20Park.pdf>

