

## Rochdale Schools PFI, SPV Management

Reorganisation of Rochdale's Special Education Needs (SEN) provision under a PFI scheme.

### Project Data File:

#### Our role & responsibilities:

- Full SPV Management

**Location:** Rochdale

#### Participants:

- Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council
- Axiom Education

#### Facilities created:

Four new school campuses

**Capital Value:** £44m

**Whole Life Value :** £167.5m

### Project Scope:



The Project involves the entire reorganisation of Rochdale's special education provision, incorporating the financing, design and construction of 4 schools. The Project will be one of the most significant developments in Rochdale's education provision.

Two special schools will be co-locating with new primary schools at Hollin and Hamer; and SEN facilities will be co-locating with Oulder Hill Community School, which will be extensively refurbished; a third primary school, Marland Hill, will also be built which is to include a hearing and visually impaired unit.

### Our Scope:

Pario is providing SPV Management services to Axiom Education, the ABN Amro / Shepherds led consortium, appointed to deliver the Rochdale Schools PFI scheme.

Duties that we are undertaking include:

- Strategic Project and Commercial Management (both Construction and Operational Phases)
- Technical Consulting
- H&S compliance
- Management Accounting
- Financial Administration

### Challenges and achievements:

- Pario's involvement commenced a few months into the project, at a time when one of the schools was nearing completion under a phased construction programme. It was imperative that we got up to speed with obligations and processes as quickly as possible, in order to ensure a smooth transition from the construction to the operating stage. This we achieved with the first school being handed over on time.
- Other challenges included resolution of technical issues surrounding an existing flat roof with split responsibilities and Pario was instrumental in resolving both the technical and contractual issues.

### Benefits:

- Structured management processes
- Relationship management
- Technical advice & leadership
- Variation management
- Payment Mechanism management & implementation
- Insurance optimisation
- Subcontractor interface management
- New Financial Model implementation during transition from Works to Service Period
- On-going operational monitoring

### Testimonial:

*“We were impressed at the ability of Appleyards to integrate with the existing delivery teams and Authority in the short space of time. Their collaborative approach will be a benefit to the project during the construction phase and thereafter into the operational period.”*

**David Sellers – Shepherd Construction**