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Complete and Officially Opened

The largest research centre at Nottingham University, the new Centre for Bio-Molecular Sciences (CBS) was officially opened in May by the Director General, Confederation of British Industry, Mr Richard Lambert.

Phase 1 of the two phase development on the University Campus was complete in November 2003. The following year the award winning Phase 1 design team from Benoy Architects and structural engineers Ward Cole were commissioned to design the larger Phase II of the facility. With a requirement for a further 5325m² of research accommodation the brief also included a 550 seat auditorium.

More than £25million has been invested in CBS which is a landmark inter disciplinary research centre that bring together over 300 world class scientists from seven major research groups developing innovative techniques for a range of medical and scientific disciplines.

The clients brief demanded an innovative approach from the design team to provide high quality multi functionality and building performance required by the wide range of research activities carried out within the building.



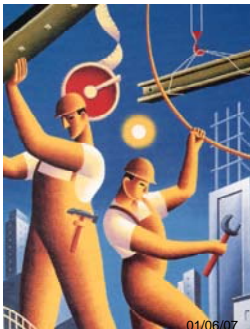
Greene, Tweed Expansion

Global hi-tech seals, thermoplastic parts and connector manufacturer Greene, Tweed have announced plans to expand their UK base in Nottingham.

Greene, Tweed produce an extensive range of specialist products for the aerospace, defence, oilfield and fluid handling industries around the world.

In 1999 they established a purpose built manufacturing centre at Ruddington Fields, where today a further £3m investment in phase 2 of the facility is going ahead.

Designed by the original local team of Franklin Ellis Architects and structural engineers Ward Cole, the production facility is being significantly extended and includes staff and office accommodation.



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Accolade for Rural Regeneration

A high profile property development project in the heart of Boston town centre, that took over ten years in the planning, has scooped the Civic Trusts, 2007 Rural Design Award. The award recognises the best in architecture, urban design, landscape and public art.



Property development company Centros Millers' multi million pound retail led regeneration scheme of Pescod Square has been adjudged 'the best' by the Civic Trust.

Designed sympathetically to replace an inappropriate development in what was a medieval town, the scheme drawn up by architects Building Design Partnership and one of Ward Coles' retail project design teams initially relocated, intact, the historic Pescod Hall within the site. Using contemporary architecture which reflects the scale and proportion of the surrounding buildings the new development has very successfully brought one of the towns historic streets back into pedestrian use linking Wide Bargate and Silver Street.

Holiday Inn to open in Lincoln

Expanding Warwickshire based hotel operators Somerston Hotels have acquired a prominent development site in Green Lane, Lincoln, opposite the University of Lincoln campus.

Franklin Ellis Architects, cost consultants Edmond Shipway have been appointed along with Ward Cole to prepare a scheme for a seven storey, 114 bed Holiday Express Hotel which is expected to be open for its first guests early in 2008.



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