

This new landmark building for the University of Portsmouth is located in a sensitive location within a Listed Park, adjacent to the Grade 1 listed Guildhall and the 1960s Civic Centre complex. The project accommodates one of the University's major faculties and residential accommodation for students on a site within the heart of the campus. Watkin Jones will build the faculty for the University, and develop and build the student accommodation.

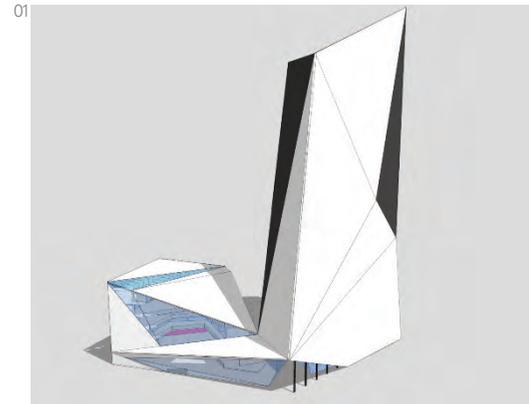
Given the location of the site within a Listed Park, and on a key route through the City, this project has offered an opportunity to create a striking building that will be an identifiable outward expression of the University, on a major arterial route through Portsmouth.

The lower building provides accommodation for two schools within the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities; the Institute of Criminal Justice Studies and the School of Education and Continuing Studies. In addition new centrally

managed facilities include a café overlooking the park, which is open to the public, students and staff, enabling the faculty to utilise this space during the day as an additional resource and amenity, along with a 350-seat lecture theatre which can be accessed outside normal hours.

The scheme accommodates 600 student bedrooms arranged in a combination of cluster flats and studios within this 33-storey tower, offering panoramic views over the central part of the City of Portsmouth, its hinterland and out over the Solent.

We worked closely with the local planning authority, local amenity groups and neighbours to develop the design for the 33-storey tower. We achieved planning in May 2011 and construction is due to start on site soon. The design achieved a BREEAM (2010) Very Good rating for both the faculty and residential accommodation.



01 Axo of faculty and tower
02 CGI of residential tower
03 Scheme in context