

RIBA Schools Client Forum

Notes from the meeting held on 8 February 2005

1. The meeting was held at Mossbourne Academy, Hackney. This school had been failing and was closed and a new Academy was built for 11-18 aged pupils. It opened last September with only Year 7 intake and will build up year-on-year. After the initial introduction by the Vice-Principal and a presentation by the project architect the group toured the building.

Points of note were:

- Built on three levels
 - Majority of circulation is external walkways and external metal caged staircases
 - No staffroom – departmental areas
 - Clear visibility or CCTV to monitor pupils throughout the building
 - 7 Faculty areas
 - YR 7 intake have and will have all subjects in their classroom except for Science, Technology, PE, Music/Drama and ICT
 - In time YR 8 and onwards will use all faculties.
2. After lunch the agenda continued as follows:
 - Minutes of the last meeting agreed
 - No matters arising
 - Presentation entitled “Inclusion in Schools – An Access Consultants Perspective” from Jane Simpson, Aedas Access Consultancy. Paper available if anyone is interested. The presentation took the form of running through the various pieces of legislation with some case studies and examples.
 - Aims and Objectives for 2005/06 – the content for future meetings and the annual conference was discussed and the following agreed:
 - 5th May meeting – topic to be Environmental Issues – possible Solihull venue
 - 19th July meeting – topic to be Curriculum Issues and their impacts on buildings – venue to be advised
 - 15th September Conference – content to be develop but may cover Academies; or specialisms i.e. e-learning or 14-19 Agenda; or how the building effects teaching and learning – venue to be advised
 - 22nd November meeting – topic to be Extended Schools – venue to be advised