



**Project:** 1400 Student Rooms, Brunel University  
**Location:** Uxbridge, Middlesex  
**Architect:** Stride Treglown  
**Structural Engineer:** Adams Kara Taylor  
**Main Contractor:** Norwest Holst

With growing student numbers Brunel University in Uxbridge decided to expand its en-suite student accommodation on its West London Central campus by 1,400 units.

The £56 million project was a design and build development with Norwest Holst. The primary structure of the buildings is precast concrete twin walls and floor units, which provide a rapid construction process and allow an early start for secondary trades. The Architect's design consisted of 17 similar shaped, 5 storey buildings each with two wings around a central lift and stair core zone. Each building contains 80 to 100 rooms, each one fitted with a toilet-shower pod and access to shared kitchen facilities.

The project started on site in November 2006 with piling and foundations. The precast erection commenced in April 2007 with completion of all 17 blocks and two additional buildings by December 2007, four months ahead of the contract programme.

