

**Miller Construction is delighted to be the main contractor for the £102m Avon and Somerset PFI project which will see the delivery of four new police custody facilities. Financial Close on the project was reached in August 2012 by the Blue Light Partnership, which is an investment joint venture between Bilfinger Project Investments and Miller Construction.**



The projects offer provision of better welfare facilities for witnesses, victims and detainees through the improvement of custody cells which are currently old and difficult to maintain.

The £102m project includes:

- A Somerset operations base at Express Park, Bridgwater, incorporating a custody and crime investigation centre, police station, specialist operations and local policing teams
- A custody and crime investigation centre and police station at Gloucester Road, Patchway
- A custody and crime investigation centre at Ashmead Road, Keynsham; and
- A state of the art tri-force firearms training centre at Black Rock Quarry, Portishead – serving Avon and Somerset, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Police.

Chris Webster, Chief Executive, Miller Construction, said: *"We are delighted to be working on this important project, which further demonstrates our integrated approach of providing both investment and construction services."*

*"The current financial market has meant that financial close has been challenging, however, by working innovatively with our client, our partners and our funders', solutions have been provided to ensure a successful close. We are now focusing on the delivery of these schemes that will make a positive impact on how police services will be delivered across the area."*

Miller Construction has hosted three 'Meet the Buyer' events in the region as part of its Corporate Responsibility commitment to the communities where it operates, and has pledged to ensure that 70% of sub contracts for construction are placed within a 35 mile radius of the sites or within the force area. Opportunities have also been made available throughout the construction programme for twenty seven apprentices and sixteen ex-offenders. Additionally Miller Construction is providing at least twenty opportunities to local schools and colleges to link their courses to the project.

The projects are being delivered by Miller Constructions' Midlands and South West Region and will be complete in 2014/5.

**Blue Light Partnership:**

- Blue Light Partnership is a joint venture between Bilfinger Project Investments and Miller Construction, with Miller also acting as the main contractor, Cofely as the facilities management provider, and designers Haverstock Associates, Ryder Architecture and URS.
- Blue Light Partnership will design, build, finance and operate the new buildings

**Funding:**

- The capital cost for the programme is £72m for construction, furniture and fittings, including the first fit of information technology.
- An allocation of £102million of PFI credits has been made by HM Treasury in order to deliver this ambitious programme
- Senior debt finance for the scheme is being provided by Aviva Public Private Finance

Key Data:

(Last updated June 2014)

	Express Park	Glos Road	Blackrock Quarry	Ashmead Road
Proposed BREEAM Rating (and targeted score)	Excellent (73.2)	Excellent (78.2)	Excellent (73.1)	Excellent (70.5)
Basic Building Cost - £/m2	1619	2594	1811	2686
Services Costs - £/m2	1092	896	31	933
External Works Costs - £/m2	100	226	69	180
Gross floor area - m2	13663	6717	7155	5371
Total area of site – ha	2.5	1.4	4.2	0.9
Area of circulation - m2	225	100	370	85
Area of storage - m2	135	16	12	13
Predicted electricity consumption - kWh/m2	82.1	101.3	118.8	78.5
Predicted fossil fuel consumption - kWh/m2	78.0	75.9	6.8	80.0
Predicted renewable energy generation - kWh/m2	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.1
Predicted water use - m3/year	3651	2196	714	1940
% predicted water use to be provided by rainwater or greywater (estimated)	15	15	15	15

**Community and Environment:**

Miller Construction recognises that care of the environment is a primary corporate responsibility, and is dedicated to preventing pollution and minimising adverse environmental impacts. We are committed to continuously improving our environmental performance in all areas of the business, by all our employees and supply chain through best environmental practice where possible.

The Express Park, Bridgwater and Ashmead Road, Keynsham sites have both received national recognition at the Considerate Constructor Scheme (CCS) awards:

[Express Park - Gold CCS Award](#)

[Ashmead Road - Silver CCS Award](#)

*"These sites were particularly innovative in employing ex-offenders, and also employed an organization ([Props Forward](#)) providing opportunities for disadvantaged people to supply site signage. This resulted in a letter of thanks from Avon & Somerset Probation Trust, together with a structured training programme for apprentices. The use of local businesses was also encouraged through 'Meet the Buyer' events, while staff mentoring was provided for students from the local Bridgewater College. At the same time, changing rooms were provided for a local football team, a new roof was supplied for the Bridgewater Arts Centre and support was given to a Home-Start charity shop.*

*The CCS Scheme Monitor also observed first-class wildlife protection and general conservation together with staff welfare attention which included health provision to include all subcontractors. At all considerate levels, these sites produced an exemplary performance and set standards of which the industry can be very proud". (David Watson Chairman, Considerate Constructors Scheme)*