

WILSTOCK HUB ENABLING WORKS

Client: WilstockHub (registered charity)

Value: £202,000

Duration: 8 weeks

Project Detail

Wilstock is on the edge of the Quantock Hills, near the Somerset market town of Bridgwater. It is a newly built community, designed to provide affordable sustainable housing near potential employment, with good transport links, including the M5. The development has no community facilities for any form of activity or social interaction. Thus WilstockHub, a registered charity since 2018, was set up to fund, build and run a community building for the benefit of that community. A full planning permission has been granted by Sedgemoor District Council. Bloor Homes have gifted land to create this facility. Our involvement has come out of a single source negotiation, stemming from the need to do site enabling within prescribed planning and building control timescales. The remaining 25% of funding can then be raised for the remaining complete build project to resume.

We have mobilised quickly to complete a preliminary civils enabling package. Prior to the development the site was greenfield agricultural land. We have completed a topsoil strip, levelled the site, and installed an aggregate working platform, to be later incorporated as a permanent works sub-base.

We have made a working highway entrance into the site from the adjacent adopted estate road carriageway. Critical services have been constructed into the site, including the local authority foul drainage connection, with 125m of adoptable sewer into the new building footprint. Similarly, surface water drainage has been laid out across the site. We have also constructed strip and pad foundations in preparation for the new masonry building structure, forming the community hub itself. The project has proceeded on budget, ahead of program, and without incident.



