

Fraser Court, University of Edinburgh



Above and left: Fraser Court (Phase 1)

The Project

Godfrey Syrett has been awarded a £1.2m contract by University of Edinburgh Accommodation Services, to carry out phased refurbishments across a number of halls of residence, hotels and flatted developments.

The University plans to upgrade and refurbish a total of 6 schemes across the city over a period of 2-3 years.

Phase 1: Fraser Court - Student/Contract standard.

Estimate value of spend: £240,000

Phase 2: Holland House – Student/Contract standard.

Estimate value of spend: £525,000

Phase 3: Masson House – Hotel Standard.

Estimate value of spend: £184,500

Phase 4: Kenneth MacKenzie – Hotel Standard. Estimate value of spend: £60,000

Phase 5: Warrender Park Crescent – Student/Contract standard. Estimate value of spend: £267,000

The Tender Process

The tender process for the contract required submission of detailed layout plans and CAD drawings. These highlighted Godfrey Syrett’s suggested design solutions for each of phase of the scheme; detailing product ranges and options available.

The design of the spaces was the main focus for Edinburgh University; and the principal factor for awarding the tender. Their specification stated “...designs should be imaginative, and provide new ideas and concepts to enable variety in our student offering.” All proposed furniture also had to meet the minimum specification for the relevant standard, as detailed within the APUC framework.

Godfrey Syrett scored the highest possible marks on design, and was awarded the contract. The project commenced in June 2015 with the production of a sample bedroom for Fraser Court; with refurbishments starting in summer of the same year.

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Phase 1 - July 2015

Fraser Court was built in 1990 and comprises 6 stairs of self-catered flats for 3, 4 and 5 people. Over the summer of 2015; Godfrey Syrett manufactured and installed 160 bed spaces to Edinburgh University's specification.

Each room required:

- A single bed with a metal frame
- Bed boards to be used at the head and sides of the bed
- A bedside table or bed head surface if space allows
- Wardrobe provision, with a chest or integrated storage at the base

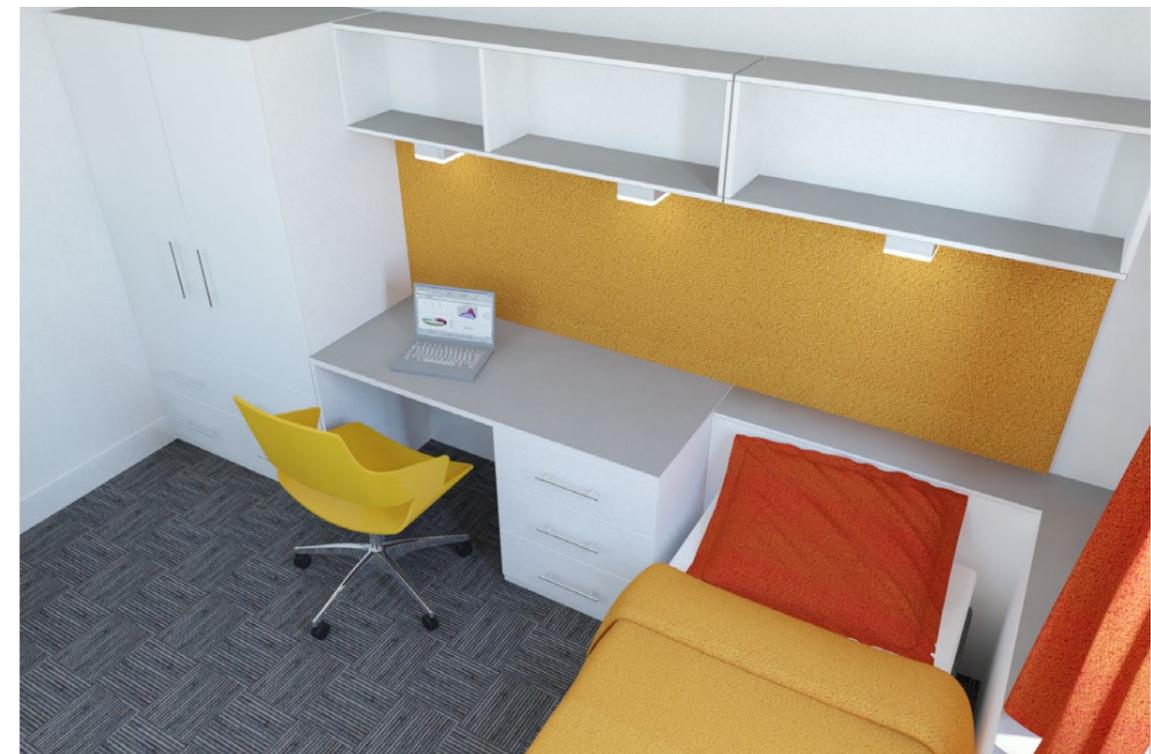
- A desk with drawers, over desk lighting provision and shelving for books
- Pin boards and mirrors should be included
- Desk chair

Additionally, there was a requirement to supply products to interface with the hardwired lighting at the desk and the bedhead.

Godfrey Syrett's professional and timely installers completed the project within the tight summer deadline, and students moved in to the newly refurbished Fraser Court at the start of the 2015/2016 academic year.



Far left: Fraser Court (Phase 1)
Left and below: Holland House (Phase 2)



Phase 2 - Summer 2016

As a result of their design expertise and their exceptional management of the Fraser Court project; Godfrey Syrett were also awarded the next stage of the development, Holland House. At just under 350 rooms, the Pollock Halls building will be refurbished with new, modern fitted furniture; at the forefront of design whilst still meeting the exacting requirements of student living. A sample bedroom for the project has been completed; and refurbishment is planned to take place over summer 2016.



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