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Armstrong and Nevill Long work together to tie it up at Tisbury

The new-look community campus features Armstrong Ceiling Solutions.

Armstrong Ceiling Solutions has marked its 55-year partnership with specialist distributor Nevill Long with a £5.4 million [community project](#) at the heart of a county council's transformation agenda.

To create a monolithic ceiling in the new sports hall at Tisbury Community Campus near Salisbury in Wiltshire Armstrong's Metal T Clip F grid system was installed across 700m², providing a downwards demountable solution for easy access to the ceiling void.

This was complemented by 120m² of anti-microbial BioGuard boards in the toilets and changing rooms and 1,540m² of Sierra OP laminated mineral boards in other areas as their Class A acoustic performance helps with sound absorption (at 0.90aw).

The new sports hall, at what is also known as Nadder Community Campus, replaces an old leisure centre and is connected to the rear of the main campus facility with access into it from the main campus building. All the existing and new buildings are linked to provide a single-point access facility.

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Designed by architects Kendall Kingscott, the Tisbury project comprised a mix of refurbishment and new build, the latter of which included the sports hall and fitness suite, to bring a variety of services onto a single site. These also included Sure Start, business incubation, library services, neighbourhood policing and 16+ education. There is also provision for a local pre-school provider to be accommodated on site.

The existing fabric was upgraded to provide improved thermal performance and all existing glazing was replaced. The site had no mains gas services so a biomass heating system was used as part of Wiltshire Council's wider sustainability policy of ensuring the carbon output of the new campus portfolio achieves savings of 40% over current benchmark figures.

Kendall Kingscott were appointed by Wiltshire Council following a process of competitive interview between framework providers. The project forms part of the wider Transformation Agenda approved by the council, part of which involves the formation of new locality campus sites to serve all the local board areas within the county.

Armstrong secured involvement with the project as a result of its value engineering and strong working relationship with the specialist sub-contractor GHT.

The products specified offered cost-effective solutions which matched or exceeded the performance of rival brands with easier installation on site.

When asked why Nevill Long was GHT's distributor of choice for Tisbury Campus, director Justin Knibb commented "Competitive pricing within the market, coupled with efficient response times along with a consistent level of customer service, means Nevill Long has always been one of our preferred suppliers."

Nevill Long managing director Dave Bonner said: "We pride ourselves on the service we provide in regards to full and on-time deliveries, speedy response times and on-hand technical expertise. Working with likeminded suppliers such as Armstrong, who have been our valued partner for 55 years, ensures the customer receives consistent top-class service."

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