

CASE STUDY

Reedswood Park Regeneration - Walsall



SECTOR

Commercial

CLIENT

Stepnell Ltd

PROJECT OVERVIEW

jhai has been appointed as the Building Control surveyors for the Reedswood Park regeneration project in Walsall. The construction of the new offices and warehouses are designed to help regenerate the area by attracting new businesses and through the subsequent creation of hundreds of jobs.

Stepnell Ltd and jhai have a long and rich history, with jhai providing their leading Building Control services to numerous Stepnell projects. This close relationship has been maintained through jhai continually delivering the expertise and experience that Stepnell expect, through a dedicated team of fully qualified inspectors and experienced support staff.

Andrew Wilkes, Regional Manager for jhai, has overseen the project from the beginning; 'working with Stepnell on projects such as this is always interesting. The fact that we work well together allows the project to run smoothly. By working closely together from the outset, we are able to identify potential issues before they impact upon the project. This approach allows us to minimise potential impact on construction time and cost, which is always appreciated.'

One example of this approach reducing snagging issues is jhai advising Stepnell in regard to fire safety. In assessing the boundary conditions, jhai made us of additional guidance other than that contained in the Approved Documents and subsequently gained approval without the need to provide additional protection at a later date, which would have incurred additional cost and time.

Construction of the project has gone smoothly; all the necessary site visits have been conducted with very little need for comment or indeed alterations. As it stands, the project is almost ready to begin attracting the leading organisations which will help improve the area by providing both jobs and valuable investment into the area.