



Station Square: the main gateway to Milton Keynes City

Station Square is the main gateway into Milton Keynes and its recent redevelopment has created a quality and safe transport interchange with a strong sense of place for passengers entering the City



Pedestrian safety and traffic management were key aspects in the re-design of Station Square encompassing pedestrian walkways, the separation of bus and taxi areas, new passenger shelters, cycle parking provision and quality landscaping.

The quality of our public realm is widely acknowledged as being essential to the creation of environments that people wish to live and work within. Developments that enhance the public realm for users, particularly those that focus on public transport interchanges, can produce measurable benefits to the local economy, health, social well-being and safety of our cities and towns. Major transport interchanges act as a gateway for the passenger and a positive experience can leave a lasting impression on an individual as they enter or leave a place.

Milton Keynes Council and its stakeholders were able to work in partnership with Macemain + Amstad to develop their concept

designs and requirements for new passenger shelters in Station Square into a deliverable solution. Macemain + Amstad produced different scenarios which were reviewed and amended to deliver the Council's design intent in conjunction with maintaining the project budget. This iterative process was facilitated by 3D and 2D design illustrations to demonstrate how the specification met the design intent and delivered the project within budget. Macemain + Amstad's final design provides Milton Keynes Council with an integrated and dedicated bus stop area at the front of the rail station with new landmark bus shelter island stops that add to the Station Square's sense of place.

Milton Keynes Council received an 'end to end' service from Macemain + Amstad from the development of the concept designs, through detailed design to manufacture and installation. The benefit of this 'end to end service' for Milton Keynes Council is that Macemain managed all aspects of this project

thereby optimizing our ability to deliver the Council's requirements throughout the life of the project in as efficient manner as possible. Milton Keynes Council therefore had the confidence that they would receive a quality product and service and that the project would be completed on time and within budget.

The 'bus shelter island stops' are each 60m long and 3m wide and comprise a stainless steel portal frame, tab fixed toughened glass and polycarbonate roof with LED lighting, real-time information and Prima timber perch seating. The strong design themes of the bus shelters are also reflected in the bespoke canopies Macemain designed to cover the dedicated cycle parking area for Milton Keynes Council.

Cllr John Bint, Portfolio Holder for Transport, Milton Keynes Council said:

"The redevelopment of one of the main gateways to Milton Keynes, Station Square, has been driven by the desire to improve safe access for service users and introduce a greater quality to this important location. The



bespoke new bus shelters are a key feature of the redevelopment and were carefully chosen through extensive consultation with stakeholders to ensure that the final design was user friendly whilst being in-keeping with the modern look of the area. They are a clear statement to show how important excellent public transport facilities are to Milton Keynes Council, especially when complimenting the improvements to the pedestrian environment."

With the spotlight on transport interchanges

and gateway developments, Councils, Passenger Transport Executives, Train Operating Companies and Network Rail can come to Macemain + Amstad with the assurance that our experience and expertise will enable them to work in partnership with us to develop their concept designs into workable public transport infrastructure. Our clients can have the confidence that Macemain will add value to their public realm and transport interchange development projects creating a strong 'sense of place'. The longevity of Macemain + Amstad and our specialism in the bespoke design, manufacture and installation of public transport infrastructure will enable our clients to have the confidence that they will receive a timely quality service and product. ■■

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