

CREATING AND CARING FOR INSPIRATIONAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

## BASSETLAW

Transform Schools (Bassetlaw) is the concession company awarded the 27 year contract to design and build a number of new facilities in the Nottinghamshire area, and to provide hard and soft facilities management services to the sites. The project reached Financial Close in July 2005.

Balfour Beatty's shareholding is 50%. Our 50% shareholder partner is Innisfree PFI Fund 3. The committed investment total is £8 million, which was injected after completion of construction in 2007. All information correct at time of Financial Close.

**Transform**  
schools

<b>Capex</b>	£119 million
<b>Pupils</b>	7,620
<b>Facilities</b>	Six new schools, two leisure centres and two post 16 education centres
<b>Environment</b>	24 solar panels at Elizabethan High School
<b>Financing type</b>	Debt

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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Construction of:
  - one special school;
  - five new secondary schools;
  - two new centres for post-education;
  - two new leisure centres.
- The hard and soft facilities management services have been sub-contracted to Balfour Beatty WorkPlace, the Balfour Beatty Group facilities management company.
- All facilities were opened on time in 2008.
- Construction work was undertaken by Balfour Beatty Construction and Balfour Beatty Engineering Services.

## ENVIRONMENT

Elizabethan High School is the first school in Bassetlaw to have renewable technologies fitted. 24 solar panels have been installed on a section of the roof. The dining hall roof is made of the same material used to design and construct the Eden Project in Cornwall and the National Space Centre in Leicester. It comprises a double-layer pneumatic Ethyl Tetra Fluoroethylene (ETFE) cushion. The cushion is blown up under high pressure to ensure the roof remains stable under adverse weather conditions. ETFE foil is lightweight, can take up to 400 times its own weight and has a durability of over 20 years. It has better insulation properties than glass and is recyclable.



*“At the end of the first day I stood in the car park, **to my right was the post 16 centre, to my left the leisure centre and in front was my school** and I thought, we’ve done that for our community.”*

*Brian Rossiter, Head teacher, Valley School*

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