



## Cedar House Refurbishment

### Refurbishment of office accommodation

**Chester Zoo employees over 1,000 people to help it achieve to care for animals, run conservation projects and provide its 1.9 million guests with an inspirational day out. Aside from the zoo keepers and the front of house staff, a large number of office-based employees help to keep all of these functions running.**

So that the office facilities can keep up with the changing needs of the zoo, a programme of refurbishment works were required to create additional office space.

The site was located within the grounds of Chester Zoo, with several animal houses located close to the site. All these buildings remained live during the contract period, requiring us to maintain safe access throughout.

Cedar House remained fully operational during the works with careful planning to safely decant the zoo's staff from each area.

To facilitate the access requirements, the works were split into multiple sections and zones, and were delivered over 16 weeks with completion in October 2018.

Separate method statements were produced for each zone, as well as for the entire site, along with associate Risk Assessments. Each set of RAMS complied with all legislation, including the CDM Regulations 2015 and the H&S at Work Act, as well as the Chester Zoo Handbook for Contractors.

A traffic management plan was produced that considered the logistics of the site, whilst liaising closely with the zoo and another contractor that was also working on site to ensure access was maintained for all that needed it.

To help find cost savings for the Client, we undertook a VE exercise. This yielded £6,000 savings through the use of an alternative materials.



<b>Client:</b>	Chester Zoo
<b>Architect:</b>	Morph Architecture
<b>Form of Contract:</b>	JCT Minor Works Building Contract with Contractor's Design 2016
<b>Value:</b>	£400,000

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