

Winchester Seating

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Client

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Landscape Planning & Heritage Group

Environment Department

Capital House

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In 2009, Factory Furniture were commissioned to design a new range of seating for the City Centre of Winchester. The designers sought advice from many different departments including Transport Planning, Highways Engineers, Street Cleansing, DDA officers as well as English Heritage and Winchester Preservation Trust.

The team we asked to design a seat using locally sourced oak and also to use materials with a proven history and relevance to the historic nature of the site. Other requirements to be taken into account were also the requirement of height adjustability on site due to the extreme slope on the site and also the option of a shallow fix method limiting our foundation depth to 150mm to avoid services and also potential damage to items of historical interest.

The design features two removable end panels that can be replaced with glass plates decorated by local artists at a future date. It also features a specially designed shallow mount anchor system and bases whose height can be adjusted on site for levelling purposes. The seating can also be removed without having to lift surrounding paving.

Observational studies have shown that people have quickly taken to using the new seating.

Client comment 'They look fantastic! Lovely timber colour and finish, and the powder coating looks good too. Spoke to the first group of customers, who declared they were very impressed - 'much more comfortable than the old ones.'

Really pleased. Thanks for all your hard work on this !!

Deb Mcmanus

