



Brick type: Yorkshire Multi Buff
Location: Manchester

Project Architect: Castonan Associates Architects
Contractor: Jones Construction (Emerson Group)

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Greygarth Hall

Greygarth Hall is situated in the Victoria Park region of Manchester – one of the city's stunning conservation areas. It was built in 1868 and converted into a university residence in 1961.

As part of its extensive expansion and refurbishment, Brookfield, a second hall of residence has been developed, connected to the main Greygarth Hall via a glass-fronted link building.

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Forterra's Yorkshire Multi Buff brick was meticulously selected by Manchester City Council as a prerequisite of the quality of the present-day built environment in Victoria Park is that it should harmonise with the site's prevailing green character and share common features with its original architecture.

In line with planning and being a contemporary colour match to the original yellow brickwork of the Greygarth structure, the rolled light texture of Forterra's multi tonal yellow brick with subtle black flecks fits coherently with earlier buildings that feature simple soft and natural shades.

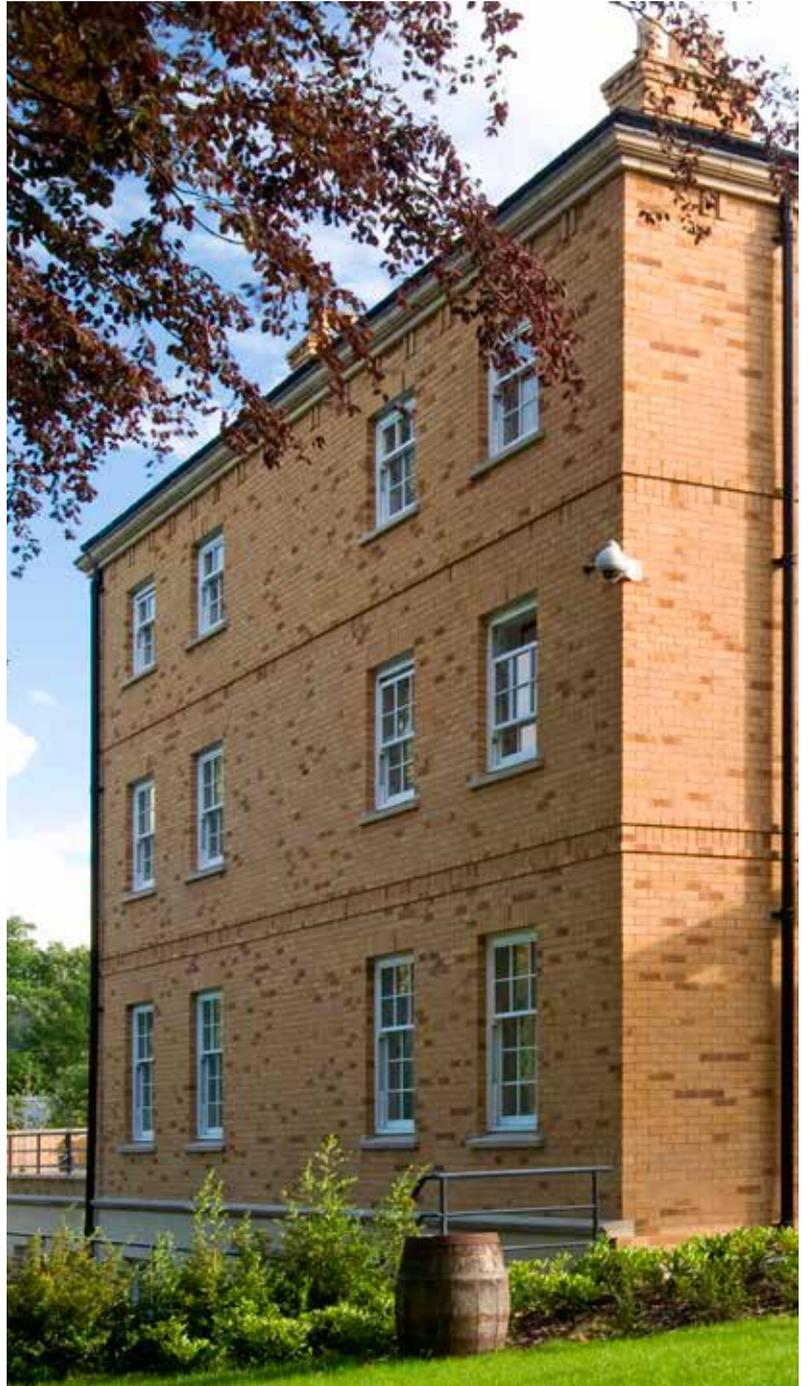
The colour which, in time, will tone slightly to closely match the existing building's brickwork has a magnificent residual effect when combined with the large scale of the building. The mortar used, a buff coloured cement sand lime mix, also blends neatly into the face of the brickwork.

Built using 80,000 bricks, Brookfield's distinctive stately exterior mimics the grandeur of a Victorian house. This sense of aesthetic grandeur is a common feature among traditional dwellings in the area, which tended to be built on a large scale, in brick and set in spacious grounds.

Other prominent features and classic details – including tall chimneys, vertically proportioned windows, a blue slate roof, the projecting entrance porch and white window frames – have all been integrated into this new build to create sympathy with the character of the original Greygarth building.

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